

**BURNS BASIN C&H ALLOTMENT &
LITTLE 4TH UNIT OF THE FOURTH OF JULY C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the Burns Basin and Little Fourth Unit of the Fourth of July C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. PERMITTED / AUTHORIZED USE

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Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
No. *	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
90	06/01	08/31	272	90	05/15	08/14	272
36	06/01	08/31	109	36	05/15	08/14	109

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE AND MONITORING UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/HM's	Dates **	Riparian	Uplands
1	Lower Wagonhammer	126/46	05/15-05/25	5"	50%#
3	Burns Basin	126/108	05/26-06/20	5"	50%
4/5	Lower Silverlead/ Upper Silverleads	126/116	06/21-07/18	5"	50%
6	Upper Wagonhammer	126/66	07/19-08/03	5"	50%
2	Little Fourth	126/46	08/04-08/14	5"	50%
7	Middle Wagonhammer***		Incidental use		
8	Resource Pasture		Rested		

* **Note that one herd (126 pairs) will be used to validate both allotments.** The Little 4th Unit (Fourth of July C&H) will be used together with the Lower Wagonhammer Unit (Burns Basin C& H) in order to alleviate resource concerns in the Wagonhammer Unit. The Middle Wagonhammer Unit may receive some incidental use. Incidental use is cattle inadvertently drifting into the area that are removed as soon as possible. Use standards of 5 inches will still be met.

** **These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date. Need 8-10 inches on bluebunch wheatgrass and soil moisture conditions that are dry enough or adequate for grazing.

Use standard for smooth brome will be 60% or 4"(based on average plant height of 18").

NOTE - Do not wait for the forest officer to tell you it is time to move! It is the permittee's responsibility to insure cattle are moved before utilization levels are exceeded.

III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The dates of use and sequence of use may be changed due to forage and/or weather conditions. If for these reasons, or others, you wish to make changes in the dates of use or grazing sequence as described in this plans of use, *please discuss it with us before you do so.*

If you are planning to put less than 90 percent of the permitted cattle on the allotment, you will need to apply for nonuse.

Water troughs are to be filled before cattle enter any of the grazing units.

The permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit.

Proper distribution of livestock is very important to proper forage utilization. Proper distribution can be attained through placement of water developments, salting, and riding. Salt should be place away from all heavily used trails, all roads, ¼ mile away from all water, and all natural concentration areas. Some riding usually needs to be done to herd cattle into unused areas or to prevent them from over-utilizing stream bottoms or other riparian areas.

To meet the State of Idaho's provision for trichomoniasis testing, all bulls must be tested at least 45 days prior to the turnout date.

At the end of the grazing season, we would appreciate it if you would please let us know what your actual use was for the season. We will mail you an actual use form to fill out after the end of the grazing season. This information is one of the many forms of data used to determine how the range is responding to the management practices applied to it.

Any hay or straw used in association with this permit, will be certified and/or tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order (#04-00-097, 2/03, according to 36CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and 36 CFR 261.58 (t)) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

Salt or minerals blocks will be placed as needed to facilitate livestock use on the allotment except on the Lewis and Clark trail.

The Resource Pasture will be closed to livestock grazing to facilitate the restoration of native bunchgrass communities and protect fisheries restoration efforts and associated undercutting streambanks.

Heritage resources along the Lewis/Clark National Historic Trail require protection. The Thompson Gulch portion of the historic trail will not be used to trail cattle. Cattle will be trailed from the Little Fourth of July Unit to the Burns Basin Unit by way of the high trail by the Wild Cow Water Development and the dugway in the Middle Wagonhammer Unit.

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Burns Basin and Fourth of July (Little 4th unit) C&H Allotments will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the unit.

For 2008, the permittee is responsible for maintenance of the Forest Service range improvements on the allotment, as listed below:

Number	Name	Location	Target Date	Current Condition
702003	Burns Spring No. 1	Nwne sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702004	Mud Springs Water Development	Nwse sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702008	Mud Springs Trough	Nwse sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702009	Little Fourth of July Water Devel.	Sese sec 13, T.24N., R.21E.	5/15	Satisfactory
702010	Nelson Spring Water Devel.	Swne sec 25, T.25N., R.21E.	5/15	Good
702030	Hawthorne Flat Water Devel.	Sws sec 11, T.24N., R. 21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702031	Mud Spring Water Devel. Ext.	Sesw sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702042	Silverleads Division Fence	Swse sec 10, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702048	Burns Gulch Drift Fence	Sese, sec. 15, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702049	Wagonhammer Boundary Fence	Nws sec 24, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702054	Upper Wagonhammer Fence	Nwne, sec. 13, T.24, R.21E.	7/18	Satisfactory
702055	Burns Basin Drift Fence	Nese sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702056	Little Fourth Drift Fence	Nwnw sec 19, T.24N., R.22E.	7/18	Satisfactory
702209	Lower Wagonhammer Fence	Swse sec 22, T.24n., R.21E.	7/18	Good
702210	Upper Resource Pasture Fence	Sese Sec 14, T24N, R21E	7/31	Poor
702211	Mud Springs Extension	Sesw sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702216	Burns Spring #2 Head Box	Nenw sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702217	Burns Spring #1 Headbox	Nwne sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good

702218	Mud Spring Headbox	Nwse sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702219	Little Silverleads Fence	Sws, sec. 35, T.25N., R.21E.	6/23	Good
702220	Big Silverleads Fence	Swne, sec. 2, T.24, R.21E.	6/23	Good
702221	Wagonhammer/Silverleads Fence	Swse sec. 36, T.25N., R.21E.	6/23	Good
702233	Wild Cow W.D.	Nwnw, Sec 24, T.24N., R.21E	5/15	Good
707109	Wagonhammer Riparian Fence	Sec. 13, T.24N., R.21E.	7/18	Good
707110	Middle Wagonhammer Water Development	Nws, sec. 13 & 14 T.24N., R.21E.	7/18	Good

NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR THIS YEAR.

Name	Target Date	By	Responsibilities
Upper Silverleads Water Development	9/30	Permittee	FS-material Permittee-labor

V. BILLING INFORMATION

Grazing fees are to be paid to Lockbox, Los Angeles, CA, by the date specified on the Bill for Collection and in advance of cattle entry onto the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Grazing fees for the 2008 grazing season are \$1.56 per Head Month.

In 2008, the Forest Service will be billing \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC). This will be done separately from your grazing fees for the Forest Service.

VI. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Drift off the allotment	When in Silverleads units, check for drift into Sheep Creek

I have reviewed and accepted this Annual Operating Instructions for the 2008 grazing season. Any changes to these Annual Operating Instructions must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee /s/ Bruce A. McFarland

Date 5/9/08

Forest Officer /s/ Russell M. Bacon

Date 5/19/08