

**INDIAN RIDGE C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the Indian Ridge C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. PERMITTED / AUTHORIZED USE

Lowell Cerise							
Term Grazing Permit				Authorized Use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	HMs	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
140	5/23	10/30	597	140	5/23	9/16	539
				60	9/17	9/30	28
				30	10/01	10/31	30

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE AND MONITORING UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit #	Unit Name	Head/H.M's	Dates **	Riparian	Uplands
1	Hull Creek	149/231	5/30-7/15	4"	50%
2	Indian Ridge Grindstone Spring, Indian Spring, Bear Wallow Spring, Tin Cup Spring	149/366	7/16-10/31*	4"	50%
3	Hughes Creek	Rest	Rest		

* 95% of cattle numbers will be off the allotment by 10/31. The remaining 5% will be removed when found by permittee.

** **These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date.

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

If excess forage appears to be available at the end of the grazing season, there will be four criteria that must be met before an extension is granted.

1. A written request must be made two weeks in advance.
2. AOI/permit standards and guides must have been met on all units during the grazing season.
3. The forage must be there and available.
4. A bill of \$100 or more should be paid when received. If it is less than \$100, it may be paid on next years bill.

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. When cattle leave a grazing unit, the troughs in that unit are to be drained.

The permittee shall make reasonable effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit. Due to rough, timbered terrain, and lack of open roads, it is understood and anticipated that some livestock may remain in the unit after the grazing period has ended. These livestock will be removed as soon as possible after they have been located.

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 placed away from all heavily used trails, all roads, ¼ mile away 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).

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Indian Ridge C&H Allotments will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto a unit.

Each individual permittee is responsible for maintenance of certain Forest Service range improvements on the allotment, as listed in their grazing permits.

No.	Name	Target Date	Condition
2002	Box Springs Water Development	5/22	Satisfactory
2006	Upper Grouse Spring*	---	Satisfactory
2012	Burnt Mountain Water Development	---	Satisfactory
2013	Burnt Mountain Water Development #2 **	5/22	Poor
2015	Grindstone Spring Water Development	7/15	Good
2019	Granite Flat Spring	---	Satisfactory
2020	Lower Grouse	---	Satisfactory
2032	Drift Spring Water Development	---	Satisfactory
2035	Tincup Spring Water Development	7/15	Satisfactory
2051	Votler Creek Drift Fence	---	Satisfactory

2057	Bear Gulch Drift Fence		Good
2061	South Fork Hull Creek Drift Fence	5/22	Satisfactory
2068	Hull Creek Boundary Fence	5/22	Satisfactory
2081	Lower Hughes Creek Drift Fence	---	Satisfactory
2206	Bear Wallow Water Development	7/15	Good
2207	Indian Spring Water Development	7/15	Good
2224	West Grizzly Water Development	7/15	Good
2240	Grizzly Spring	7/15	Satisfactory
7105	Gallagher Spring Water Development	5/22	Satisfactory
7107	West Fork Hughes Drift Fence	---	Satisfactory

* Pole fence around spring is in poor condition and will be allowed to deteriorate. It is not serving a purpose due to lack of water.

** Permittee plans to replace headbox and trough

The above range improvements are physically present on the allotment and have been reviewed and found to be in the above condition by the permittee as attested by his signature at the end of this document.

NO NEW CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED FOR 2008

Improvement Name	Forest Service	Permittee

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 \$1.35 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
Removal of livestock because of rough timbered terrain.	Staggered removal of livestock from the allotment.
Cattle entering the rest unit.	Cattle will be removed when found.

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

Permittee /s/ Lowell Cerise Date 4/4/08

Forest Officer /s/ Russell M. Bacon Date 4/4/08