

**SAGE CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the Sage Creek 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	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
30	6/01	10/20	120	30	6/01	10/20	158

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE AND MONITORING UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit #	Unit Name***	# Head/H.M's	Dates *	Riparian	Uplands
1	Buster Gulch	30 /45	6/01-10/20		50%
2	Upper Sage**	30 /60	6/01-10/20	≤50%+	50%
3	Lower Sage	30 /45	6/01-10/20	≤50%+	50%

- * **These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date. The direction for the dates comes from the Allotment Management Plan (AMP).
- ** Cows must be turned out in Buster Gulch first to assure cattle avoid Sage Creek.
- *** The 3 units will be used concurrently based on results of meeting standards last year.
- + % of nipped current year leaders of dominate shrub

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 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 Sage Creek C&H Allotment will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment.

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
2088	Sage Creek Drift Fence	05/31	Satisfactory
2201	East Fork Sage Water Development	05/31	Satisfactory
2215	Whiskey Springs Water Development	05/31	Good
7106	Sage Creek Corrals	05/31	Good

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 planned for 2008

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

None

Probable solution

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