

FOURTH OF JULY CREEK ALLOTMENT

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for 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**

Jay Smith

Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
60	06/01	08/31	182	60	06/10	08/10	122

**II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards**

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/HM's	Dates **	Riparian	Uplands
1	Magpie/Cottonwood		rest	5 inches	50%
2	Main Fourth of July Creek	60/61	7/11-8/10	5 inches	50%
3	Kriley Gulch	60/41	6/10-6/30	5 inches	50%
4	North Fork of Tower Creek	60/20	7/01-7/10	5 inches	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.

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

Cattle that die from a contagious disease, or that die at a location where they may contaminate water or be a public nuisance, must be properly disposed of.

At the end of the grazing season, please mail your actual use form or booklet back to us. 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.

***WHERE A STATE CLOSURE ORDER EXISTS*** - 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 (#04-00-057, 4/96, according to 36CFR 261.58 (t) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

#### IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Fourth of July Creek C&H Allotment will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment or into the first unit.

Each individual permittee is responsible for maintenance of certain Forest Service range

No.	Name	Target Date	Condition
2005	Lower Cottonwood W D	----	good
2007	Kriley Gulch W.D.	6/09	Satisfactory
2011	Upper Magpie W D	----	Satisfactory
2016	Lower So. Fk. Kriley W.D.	6/09	Satisfactory
2017	Upper Cottonwood W D	----	Satisfactory
2025	Chute Gulch W D	----	Satisfactory
2026	Chute Gulch Pit Tank	----	Satisfactory
2029	Upper So. Fk. Kriley W.D.	6/09	Poor
2033	Lower Magpie W D	----	Satisfactory
2044	Kriley Gulch Bdy Fence	6/09	Satisfactory
2056	Little Fourth Drift Fence	6/09	Satisfactory
2087	Fourth of July Drift Fence	7/10	Satisfactory
	Tower Creek Bdy Fence	6/30	Satisfactory

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

#### NEW CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR

Number	Improvement Name	Target Date	By	Responsibility
	No new construction scheduled			

#### V. BILLING INFORMATION

Grazing fees are to be paid to Lockbox, San Francisco, 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

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

Permittee /s/ Jay Smith

Date 5/14/08

Forest Officer /s/ RUSSELL M. BACON

Date 6/2/08