

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

These are the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the Hat Creek 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
311	7/01	9/24	880	311	Nonuse	Nonuse	
207	7/01	9/24	586	190	7/01	9/24	538

**II. GRAZING SCHEDULE AND MONITORING UTILIZATION STANDARDS**

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates *	Riparian	Uplands
1	Little Hat	280/193	07/01-07/21	4"	50%
2	Park-Moose	280/148	07/22-08/06	5-6"	50%
4	Iron Mountain	280/451	08/07-09/24	4 "	50%
3	Big Hat Creek	Rested			

\*- 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**

Permittees will coordinate with the Morgan Creek Allotment Permittees to make sure gates in the Hat Creek Division fence stay closed. The gates will be checked at least once a week. This fence will be checked by Forest personnel to make sure the fence has been maintained and that the gates have been closed.

Permittee is putting in temporary drift fence to maintain standards.

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. These units will be checked weekly until the units are cleared of cattle.

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, all water, and all natural concentration areas. Some riding is necessary 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, 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.

**WHERE A FOREST 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 (#04-00-097, 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/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Hat Creek C&H Allotments 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 improvements on the allotment, as listed in their grazing permits.

No.	Name	Target Date	By	Condition
1/5032	North Fk Hat Cr. Bndy Fence*	08/01	Permittee	Good
5065	Iron Mountain Unit Fence	08/01	Permittee	Satisfactory
5066	Big Hat Creek Unit Fence	08/06	Permittee	Satisfactory
5067	Iron Mountain #2 Trough	08/01	Permittee	Satisfactory
5068	Iron Mountain Trough	08/01	Permittee	Good
5070	Coyote Spring Trough	08/01	Permittee	Spring is dry
5071	Tile Spring Trough	08/01	Permittee	Spring is dry
5190	Hat Creek Boundary Fence	05/15	Permittee	Satisfactory
5191	Little Hat Creek Fence	06/25	Permittee	Satisfactory
2/5192	Hat Creek Division Fence*	06/25	Permittee	Satisfactory
5374	Wards Butte Fence	06/25	Permittee	Good
5375	Middle Fork Hat Creek Fence	08/01	Permittee	Satisfactory
5379	Park-Moose Division Fence	07/21	Permittee	Good
5382	Middle Fork Fence	08/01	Permittee	Satisfactory

5388	North Fork Hat Creek Fence	08/01	Permittee	Good
5412	Moose Cr. Water Development	07/21	Permittee	Good
5417	North Fork Hat Creek Fence Ext.	08/06	Permittee	Good
5418	Hat Creek Boundary Fence Ext.	05/15	Permittee	Good
5429	Burn Area Water Development	08/06	Permittee	Poor
5430	Park Creek Water Development	07/21	Permittee	Good
5431	Iron Mtn. Saddle Water Develop.	08/06	Permittee	Good

\*- Joint maintenance with other allotments.

1/ Maintain the portion of the fence from the rock bluffs in the SE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 29, T.18N., north to the end of the fence.

2/ Maintain that portion of the fence from the Little Hat Creek Fence, #5191, Hat Creek Division Fence, #5192 junction in the NW 1/4, Section 26, T.17N., R.19E., thence, northerly to the end of the fence in the SE 1/4, Section 3, T.17N., R.19E.

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.

#### **NEW CONSTRUCTION**

No new construction is scheduled 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**

<b>Anticipated Concerns</b>	<b>Probable solution</b>

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

Permittee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Forest Officer /s/ KIMBERLY D. NELSON Date 4/25/08