

**NORTH BASIN C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

These are the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the North Basin C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. PERMITTED / AUTHORIZED USE

Elizabeth Hutchison

Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
165	6/16	10/23	705	115	6/16	10/23	491

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE AND MONITORING UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates **	Riparian	Uplands
6	Big Hill	165/163	06/16-07/15	4"	50%
2	First Basin	165/103	07/16-08/03	4"	50%
3	Watson Peak	165/314	08/04-09/30	4"	50%
5	McKim Creek	165/125	10/01-10/23	4"	50%
1	Copper Basin	Rested	Rested	4"	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.

Permittee will complete maintenance of water developments and fences prior to cattle entering units to be grazed. These units in order of maintenance include: Big Hill, First Basin, Watson Peak, and McKim Creek. When the permittee has completed maintenance in a unit, she will let Ben Garechana know and he will complete an inspection of the

improvements. He will notify her if everything is okay or if additional maintenance is needed. The permittee will be given several days to complete any additional maintenance and a second inspection would follow. No cattle can be turned into that unit until the inspection(s) have been completed and all improvements in that unit have been maintained to an acceptable standard.

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 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, 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. Mail us your actual use booklet 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/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the North Basin 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
1/5111	Dry Gulch Boundary Fence	6/15	permittee	satisfactory
5112	Poison Creek Boundary Fence	9/30	Permittee	satisfactory
5113	Trail Creek Pass Fence	7/15	permittee	good
5114	Watson Peak Fence	7/15	permittee	satisfactory
5115	Little Copper Basin Fence	7/15	permittee	satisfactory
5116	Long Ridge Drift Fence	7/15	permittee	satisfactory

5117	North Basin Fence	7/15	permittee	satisfactory
5119	Copper Basin Water Dev.	---	permittee	good
5275	Lime Creek Saddle Fence	7/15	permittee	good
5276	Lime Creek Drift Fence	7/15	permittee	good
5311	McKim Creek Stock Bridge	9/30	permittee	satisfactory
5312	N. Fk. McKim Cr #2 Fence	9/30	permittee	good
5315	McKim Basin Water Dev	9/30	permittee	satisfactory
5317	McKim Creek Drift Fence	9/30	permittee	good
5318	South Fork Poison Ck Fence	5/15	permittee	good
5348	Watson Peak #2 Water Dev.	8/03	permittee	satisfactory
5350	First Basin Spring #1	7/15	permittee	satisfactory
5351	First Basin Spring #2	7/15	permittee	satisfactory
5352	First Basin Unit Fence	7/15	permittee	satisfactory
5354	Phantom Creek Fence	9/30	permittee	satisfactory
5357	Watson Peak #1 Water Dev.	8/03	permittee	good
5358	Watson Peak #3 Water Dev.	8/03	permittee	good

1/ Maintain that portion west of the gate near the old sheep trough near the head of Dry Gulch.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

NO NEW CONSTRUCTION IS 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	Probable solution
Cattle getting into rest unit	Make sure pasture fences are maintained and check to make sure cattle are kept out of the unit to be rested.
Cattle from adjacent allotment entering North Basin Allotment	Notify us of problem as soon as possible, so that the trespass cattle can be dealt with. By using the strategy of making sure all maintenance has been done, the District Ranger can trespass any unpermitted cattle that have entered the permittees allotment from adjoining allotments.

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

Permittee /s/ *Elizabeth Hutchinson* Date 3/20/08

Forest Officer /s/ *Kimberly D. Nelson* Date 3/20/08