

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

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

I. PERMITTED/AUTHORIZED USE

E. Dan French

Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
77	7/16	9/30	195	77	07/16	09/30	195
60	8/08	9/30	107	60	08/08	09/30	107

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE AND MONITORING UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/HUM's	Dates **	Riparian*	Uplands
3	Hot Springs	77/58	07/16-08/07	4"	50%
2	Mulkey Creek+	137/50	08/08-08/18	4"	50%
1	Withington Creek	137/122	08/19-09/14	4"	50%
2	Withington Creek/ Mulkey Creek***	137/72	09/15-09/30	4"	50%

* The key riparian areas are: riparian area in Hot Springs Unit, enclosure in Mulkey Creek, below enclosure in Mulkey Creek, and along Withington Creek in the Withington Creek unit between the cattleguard and junction of the main road. Upland key areas are located to the east of the road and riparian area in the Hot Springs Unit; on the ridge to the east of the division fence between the Mulkey Creek and Withington Creek Units, the bench below Frying Pan Spring, and the hillside to the south of the Withington Creek pipeline in the Withington Creek Unit; and the hillsides to the west of Mulkey Creek in the Mulkey Creek Unit.

** **These dates are tentative.** Utilization levels will determine the off date.

+ The Mulkey Creek Riparian Enclosure will be grazed in conjunction with the Mulkey Creek Unit. The stubble height standard for the enclosure will be a minimum of 6 inches of stubble at the end of the season.

*** These units can be used concurrently due to hunting season.

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 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 permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit. This should be accomplished within 3 days in non-forested pastures and 5 days within forested pastures.

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. We will mail you an actual use form to fill out after the end to 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 Withington 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	Condition
5138	Pope Shenon Boundary Fence	07/15	Satisfactory
5141	Withington Cr. Boundary Fence *	07/15	Satisfactory
5142	Withington Cr. Unit Fence	07/15	Satisfactory
5143	Hot Springs Unit Fence	07/15	Satisfactory
5144	Hot Springs #1 Water Development	07/15	Poor
5407	Mulkey Creek Exclosure	Forest Service	Good
5142	Withington Cr Unit Fence	8/07	Good
5262	Withington Creek Pipeline	8/18	Good
5263	Withington Creek Pipeline #1	8/18	Good
5264	Withington Creek Pipeline #2	8/18	Good
5265	Withington Creek Pipeline #3	8/18	Good
5266	Withington Creek Pipeline #4	8/18	Good
5274	Frying Pan Water Development	8/18	Good

* Joint maintenance as follows: Section 11- Lowell Cerise; Section 14 and Sections 2 and 3- French; Section 23- Lynn Thomas down to creek; Section 23- French from creek bottom to east

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 Concerns	Probable solution
Gate between Hot Springs and Mulkey gets left open.	Monitor and insure this gate remains shut.

I have reviewed and accepted these annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season. Any changes to these annual operating instructions must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee _____

Date _____

Forest Officer /s/ DENNIS M. HILLIARD

Date 5/21/08