

## 2008 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### SAWMILL CANYON ALLOTMENT

These are your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Sawmill Canyon Allotment. We are including a signature page at the end of each AOI which we are requesting permittees sign and return to the district. This signature page also includes the signatures of the district ranger and current range management specialist overseeing the allotment. We believe that this process better represents the cooperative nature of managing these areas and indicates an understanding of the information in this document as well as the information in your term grazing permit(s).

The Sawmill Canyon allotment is comprised of one drainage with no defined units and is grazed as an on/off management system. You are authorized to graze 34 head of cattle on the Sawmill Canyon Allotment from July 1 to October 31. The current allowable use level for the allotment is set at 50% utilization on key forage species on the uplands and in the riparian areas. Fifty percent utilization on riparian species equates to a 4 inch stubble height. Browse use of willows and other woody species is also set at 50%. When the utilization level of 50% is reached, cattle need to be removed from the allotment.

**Fence & Water Improvements:** Please refer to Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. Allotment boundary fences should be maintained prior to cattle entering the allotment, interior fences should also be maintained prior to cattle entering a new unit. Existing improvements should be maintained each year before requesting new improvements.

**Response to Predators:** We have enclosed an attachment of questions and answers provided by Idaho Fish & Game for your information. This attachment outlines information you will need in the event that you have predator issues on your allotment. If you have any questions regarding this information, you are encouraged to contact Idaho Fish & Game.

**Actual Use Report:** Toward the end of the grazing season you will be receiving an INDIVIDUAL ACTUAL USE REPORT. You will need to provide a record of the dates your cattle enter the forest, dates they leave the forest and a record of losses. The report is a requirement of the special terms and conditions of your term grazing permit. The report is due 2 weeks after cattle are removed from the allotment.

In conjunction with current NEPA requirements for allotment management plan revision we collected data in the upland and riparian areas on the allotment in order to determine the effects of current management and establish records of long term trend in some areas and are in the writing phase of the NEPA process. If you would like to see how this information is used or have additional questions about your permit(s), please call the district office in Mackay.

If you have any questions about these instructions, or management of the allotment please contact Jessica Dhaemers at (208) 588-3414.



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