

2008 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

STODDARD CANYON ALLOTMENT

These are your Annual Operating Instructions for the Stoddard 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).

You are authorized to graze 48 head of cattle on the allotment from June 1 to September 30. The Stoddard Canyon Allotment is managed in conjunction with the BLM and your private land. In total, there are 117 head of cattle permitted between the BLM and Forest Service administered lands; 48 Forest Service and 69 BLM.

The current allowable use is set at 50% utilization on key forage species on 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.

INFISH Grazing Module Implementation: Key areas are used to monitor representative riparian areas within a grazing unit. Key area monitoring establishes a record of utilization trend, a location for observation to plan cattle moves, a location to record whether the stubble height end of season annual indicators are met, a location to evaluate whether management impacts are effective or need to be modified. Permittee involvement in monitoring and key area selection is encouraged.

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 Forest System lands/ BLM lands, dates they leave the Forest System lands/BLM lands, 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 this plan, or management of the allotment please contact Jessica Dhaemers at (208) 588-3414.



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Please sign and return this page to the above address.

