

2008 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

WILLIAMS CREEK ALLOTMENT

Below are your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Williams Creek 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 Williams Creek Allotment is comprised of two drainages with no defined units and is grazed as an on/off management system in conjunction with an adjoining BLM allotment. You are authorized for 138 head on the Williams Creek Allotment from May 14 thru June 30 and from November 16 thru December 15, or until the allowable use levels are met. The Williams Creek Pasture will be grazed early and/or late to avoid impacts to bull trout spawning.

The current allowable use for the allotment 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 end of season stubble height standards are met, and a location to evaluate whether management impacts are effective or need to be modified. Additional key areas may be located with permittee cooperation to monitor additional utilization patterns.

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.

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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Accepted By: _____
Rocky Ross or Don Phillips Date
Permittees

Please sign and return this page to the above address.

