

HAWLEY CREEK CATTLE ALLOTMENT  
2003 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the Annual Operating Instructions for the 2003 grazing season and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of your grazing permit. This is the third year of a three year suspension of permitted use on the Hawley Creek Allotment.

**1. PERMITTED AND AUTHORIZED USE**

**The following table depicts permitted use that has been modified by the 2/2/01 Decision implementing a 30% suspension of permitted use. A request to change the season of use to 6/16 – 9/1 was made from the Hawley Creek Association members on 1/24/02. This early turn out will again be used for the 2003 season. The adjusted season and numbers was discussed with the interdisciplinary team and approved by the District Ranger before the 2002 season.**

Permittee	PERMITTED			AUTHORIZED		
	Number	Dates	HM'S	Numbers	Dates	HM'S
McFarland Livestock	485	7/1-9/30	1455	<b>300</b>	<b>6/16- 9/1</b>	<b>769</b>
Kruckeberg, James	296	7/1-9/30	888	<b>253</b>	<b>6/16- 9/1</b>	<b>649</b>
Shiner Ranches Inc.	247	7/1-9/30	741	<b>211</b>	<b>6/16- 9/1</b>	<b>549</b>
Leadore Land Partners	134	7/1-9/30	402	<b>114</b>	<b>6/16- 9/1</b>	<b>296</b>
Total	1162		3486	<b>878</b>		<b>2263</b>

**2. GRAZING SCHEDULE & STANDARDS                      2003    Season**

The Hawley Creek Association will continue to follow a deferred rotation grazing on ten units, but will use **two** herds in the following sequences:

HERD 1 Leadore Land Partners, LP Kruckeberg herds	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Allowable Use Standard**</i>	
<i>Unit</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Period of Use</i>	<i>Riparian/Upland</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Rocky Canyon	114	6/16 – 7/7	40% / 50%	Yearling cattle
Upper Ranch Unit Slide/Deer	253	6/16 – 7/7	40% / 50%	Hot Tape, Kagle to Rocky outcrop
Quaking Aspen	367	7/8 – 7/16		Combined herds
Cabin Cr/Elk Mtn	367	7/17 – 8/6	40% / 50%	
Stove/Poison Crk	367	8/7 – 9/1	35% / 50%	

HERD 2 Shiner, McFarland Rch &	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Allowable Use Standard**</i>	
<i>Unit</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Period of Use</i>	<i>Riparian/Upland</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Lower Ranch Unit/ Res	300	6/18 – 6/25	40% / 50%	
Lower Res/ Cow camp	211	6/17 – 6/25	35% / 50%	
Upper Poison/Bog	511	6/27 – 7/7	35% / 50%	Combined Herds
Fish Pasture	511	6/26	40% / 50%	
Big Bear	511	7/8 – 8/1	40% / 50%	
Little Bear/Timber	511	8/2 – 8/11	40% / 50%	
L. Bear/Wheetip	511	8/12 – 8/20	40% / 50%	
Little Bear/Pasture	511	8/21 – 9/2	40% / 50%	

**These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored for the appropriate on-date. The dates 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 these instructions, ***please discuss it with us before you do so.*** Utilization levels and use standards will determine moves between units and the appropriate off date.

\*\*Utilization levels for the allotment are as follows: Upland 50%, Riparian 40% **except** Bog Creek, Reservoir Creek, and Poison Creek riparian areas which are all 35%.

Note- 40% utilization is equivalent to about 4 to 5 inches of median stubble height, which will be measured on riparian graminoids at the end of the grazing season. 35% utilization is equivalent to about 5 to 6 inches of stubble height, as measured on riparian graminoids at the end of season. These utilization-stubble height correlations were taken from Clary & Webster's guide "*Managing Grazing of Riparian Areas in the Intermountain Region*" 1989, and from the 1992 FLMP amendment of Grazing Monitoring Procedures, Salmon N.F.. Knowledge of these correlations should assist the permittees in determining when cattle use is approaching the Allowable Use Standard.

**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. It is important that all stragglers be caught up with the rest of the herd within two days of moving from sage/grass units, and five days from timbered units. If this is not done then the benefit of the system will be minimized.**

**3. SALTING and/or SUPPLEMENT:**

Salt or supplement blocks will be placed in advance of livestock entering an area and ¼ mile away from all heavily used trails, roads, water, and all natural concentration areas. Salt or supplement blocks will not be placed on or within sight of the Continental Divide Trail. **Use of motorized vehicles to distribute salt/supplement, or to perform maintenance in restricted areas, will be allowed prior to July 16, once a valid permit is issued.**

**4. MONITORING**

The primary purposes of rangeland and riparian monitoring on this allotment are twofold: 1) Implementation Monitoring which serves to identify when movement to a new pasture or off the allotment is necessary based on utilization standards; and 2) Effectiveness Monitoring which collects quantitative, and qualitative data along riparian greenlines and upland plots to assess the vegetative trends. Pasture units will be monitored approximately every two weeks, or more frequent as necessary, during the grazing season. The Hawley Creek Association President will be notified prior to these visits so that the permittees and range riders can be informed and involved with both implementation (utilization) and effectiveness (trend) monitoring procedures and results.

**5. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE / CONSTRUCTION / RE-CONSTRUCTION**

Each individual permittee is responsible for the maintenance of structural improvements on the Hawley Creek Allotment. These improvements are listed in your Term Grazing Permit. These will be maintained prior to livestock entering the first unit to be grazed. When this maintenance is complete, call the Forest Service Office and report that it is completed. If verification is not received from the permittees, inspections will be made. If we find that maintenance has not been completed and livestock are grazing an area unscheduled for use at the time, they will be considered unauthorized. Permittees may be billed for unauthorized use and or permit action taken for maintenance.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS ASSIGNED MAINTENANCE (in addition to maintenance responsibilities listed on permits)	Agreed Upon Assignee	Schedule Of Work 2003
Kagle/Ranch meadow excl & trough	Kruckeberg	Prior to turn-out 6/16
Deer Creek pipeline & trough	Shiner	By June 16
Stove Creek drift fence (1/2 mile)	Shiner	By July 17
Poison Creek/Short Crk. drift fence (1/8 mile)	Kruckeberg	By July 17
L. Bear pvt land to L.Bear Spr. fence (1.3 miles)	Tyler	By late July
L. Bear pvt land Drift fence (.2 mile)	Tyler	By late July
L. Bear headwaters exclosure fence (1 mile)	Kauer	By late July
L. Bear II & III springs, pipelines & troughs	Kauer	By late July
Big Bear bench trough & spr. exclosure	Kauer	By late July
Horsethief Pass Boundary	Kauer	By July 8
Horsethief Sheep WD	Kauer	By July 8
Red gate/Kagle drift fence	Tyler	Prior to turn-out 6/16
Frank Hall/Quaking Aspen fence	Tyler North ½, Shiner South 1/2	By July 6
Range Improvements Needing Work	Agreed to Means of Completing Project	2003
South slope spring & Elk Ridge spring,	Permittees labor, F.S. to clear & design. and supply materials	By July 17
Deer Creek P.L. extension	Hawley Association / F.S., labor & materials, NRCS design	By July 1
Little Bear Pipeline Spring exclosure	F.S. labor & Materials	By August 1
Horse Pasture reconst.(above Kagle pvt)	Hawley Association labor, (have F.S. mtl)	Prior to turn-out

Aspen Creek/Reservoir Cr fence (extend from saddle north).	Kruckenberglabor to maintain fence in existing ridge & saddle / F.S. materials	By July 6
Rough Creek trough	F.S. haul in materials, permittee labor	By July 15
Back Country Horseman Troughs	Expand trough capacity/ F.S. design	By July 6
Rt. Fk L. Bear spr (exclosure)	Tyler roll-up wire, F.S. design log barrier.	By late July
Little Bear II pipeline (bury portions)	Assoc. bury line from 1st to 2nd trough	Prior to August 16

## 6. ACTION SUMMARY

The USFS authorizes the Hawley Creek Association the following for the 2003 grazing season:

Cow Camp and Horse Pasturing: The Forest Service authorizes use of temporary facilities on F.S.-administered lands in Section 31, T. 16 N., R. 28 E., to care for two riders, store their tack and feed trailer, and to corral and graze up to ten head of horses for use by the riders in the performance of their duties. These horses may graze in the two Hawley Creek horse pastures, the Big Bear riparian (fish) pasture, and the Little Bear Spring riparian pasture in addition to the corral at the rider camp. Utilization levels on any of the above-mentioned areas will not exceed 40%. It will be the permittee's, and their rider's responsibility to prevent riparian resource damage or overuse while horses are in those areas. If these use levels are achieved, then horses will need to be placed in the corral and fed.

Any hay or straw used by the Association on this allotment must be certified and/or tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free hay or feed, as directed by the order #04-00-057, (4/96), according to 36 CFR 261.58 (t) and State law (Idaho Code Sec. 22) according to the State of Idaho Department of Agriculture regulations (IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

You will be provided an actual use booklet. The Association President is responsible for seeing that it is filled out and returned to the FS at the end of the season.

This Annual Operating Instructions for the 2003 grazing season was discussed with all permittees on April 22, 2003. Any changes to this plan will need to be approved by the District Ranger or the Acting District Ranger.

Permittee	Date
Forest Officer	Date

