

SWAN BASIN C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the annual operating instructions for the 2004 grazing season for the Swan Basin C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permits.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

Term Grazing Permit					Authorized use			
Permittee	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date*	Off Date*	H.M.s
Beyeler	245	6/16	9/30	858	245	6/16	9/30	858
Nef	100	6/16	9/30	350	100	6/16	9/30	350
Leadore Land Partners	90	6/16	9/30	315	90	6/16	9/30	315

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule			Allowable Use Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	Dates *	Riparian**	Uplands
1	Middle Fork	6/16-7/10	45%	45%
2	Upper Grove	7/11-7/24	35%	45%
3	Upper Timber	7/25-8/24	45%	45%
4	Lower Timber	8/25-9/7	45%	45%
5	Chandler	9/8-9/30	45%	45%
Rest	Lower Grove	Rest	0%	0%

These dates are tentative.** The dates of use 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 this plan of use, ***please discuss it with us before you do so.

**** 35% to 50% use on riparian areas equals about 4-5 inches of residual stubble.** Stubble height and percent utilization correlations were taken from Clary & Webster's guide to "Managing Grazing of Riparian Areas in the Intermountain Region", 1989, and from the FLRMP amendment of Grazing Monitoring Procedures, Salmon N.F. 1992. 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.

Stubble height will be monitored and reported to the Interagency Implementation Team after the grazing season, from key areas on this allotment. Percent utilization will be used to determine whether the pastures met or did not meet Forest Plan Standards and Guides.

III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are planning to put less than 90 percent of the permitted cattle on the allotment, you will need to apply for nonuse.

Use of motorized vehicles will be allowed prior to July 16, to distribute salt or do maintenance in closed areas, if a valid permit is in possession. Upper Timber will need salt, plan at time of second move.

When cattle leave a grazing unit, the pipelines in those units are to be drained. Distribution of livestock is important for proper forage utilization. Proper distribution can be attained by:

- Ensuring critical water developments are functioning properly.
- Salt will be placed 1/4 mile away from all heavily used trails, roads, water, and all natural concentration areas.
- Riding/monitoring. Riding will be done to herd cattle into unused areas, to prevent over-utilization of stream bottoms or other riparian areas, (Craig Chorn Rider).

Permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit. 5 days for timbered units, 3 days for non-timbered units.

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.

Cattle that die from a contagious disease, or that die at a location where they may contaminate water or be a public nuisance, must be properly disposed of.

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 (#04-00-057, 4/96, according to 36CFR 261.58 (t)) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

Please mail your actual use booklet in at the end of the grazing season.

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Swan Basin C&H Allotment will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment or into the first unit.

If verification of maintenance is not received from the permittee, an inspection 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. The responsible permittee may be billed for excess use and or permit action will be taken.

Specific Range Improvements Needing Work in 2004

	Name	Target Date	Construction	Materials
1	#4087 Swan Basin Forest Bdry fence 1/2 mile	By 6/16	Permitees to maintain	
2	#4090 Swan Basin Drift fence 3/4 mile (between Upper Grove & Middle Fork)	By 7/24	Permitees to maintain	
3	#4088 N Fork/M Fork Division fence (lower 0.3 mile)	By 7/26	Permitees to maintain	
4	#4093 Lower Grove/Chandler Div. fence	By 6/16	Permitees to maintain	
5	#4094 Chandler/Lower Timber Div. Fence 1/2 mile	By 6/16	Permitees to maintain	
6	#4227 Swan Basin Corral	By 9/30	Permitees to maintain	
7	#4257 Swan Basin Bdry Cattleguard	By 6/16	F.S. to maintain	Pull & Clean
8	#4259 Grove Cr. Cattleguard & check other cattle guards for maintenance.	By 6/16	F.S. to maintain	Pull & Clean
9	Duck Pond enclosure	By 7/24	F.S to inspect & maintain	Rebuild W/Jacks, add gate
10	Lower Grove Spring	By 7/10	(dry in 02) check	

V. BILLING INFORMATION

Grazing fees are to be paid to Lockbox, San Francisco, 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 2004 grazing season are \$1.43 per Head Month.

The Forest Service will be billing \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC) separately from your grazing fees for the Forest Service.

VI. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Recreation user/livestock conflicts during 4th July weekend and hunting seasons, Stone Reservoir.	Stone Reservoir portion of the Middle Fork. Spot check for cows/move off recreation sites prior to 4 th July weekend. This will avoid conflicts with fishermen, campers and Hunters.
Water developments in need of repair.	Permittees are responsible to ensure water developments are checked and in proper working order, prior to animals entering a unit. FS/Permittees will look at location for extra trough in Chandler Sprg. Pasture, as extrn. to pipeline.
Exceeding use standards	Permittees need to monitor use and move cattle when use standards are met.
Maintain unit integrity	Permittees need to maintain fences prior to on date. Permittees need to check for open gates and cut fences, on a daily basis if needed, to keep cattle in the proper unit. FS personnel will also check when we are on the allotment.

The FS will authorize the Swan Basin Association the following for the 2004 grazing season if needed:

Camp facilities to care for a rider, tack and feed trailer, and an appropriate number of horses for use by a rider in performance of his duties. These horses may graze in the area around the rider camp. Use levels will not exceed 45%. If these use levels are achieved, then horses will need to be placed in a corral and fed.

I have reviewed and accepted these Annual Operating Instructions for the 2004 grazing season. Any changes to these Annual Operating Instructions must be approved by the District Ranger.

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Forest Officer /S/ Dennis M. Hilliard	Date 4/27/04