

CARMEN CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2003 grazing season for the Carmen Creek C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

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Term Grazing Permit				Authorized Use			
No.*	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
55	06/16	09/30	112	55	7/01	8/31	112

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates **	Riparian	Uplands
1	Carmen Cr Face	55/56	7/01-7/31	4" stbl.	4" stbl.
2/3	Carmen Creek/Boundary	55/56	8/01-8/31	4" stbl.	4" stbl.

*- **Under this year's grazing schedule**, cattle will use the Carmen Creek Face unit first in conjunction with the Hawthorne Draw pasture on the BLM, then the herd will graze the Carmen Creek and Boundary units. Cattle distribution in the Carmen Creek unit will be controlled by a powder river gate across the main Carmen Creek Road (FS #69) that separates the main Carmen Creek from the Carmen Creek Face. The Davis Canyon area which is part of the Davis Canyon Research Natural area is closed to grazing.

- **These dates are tentative. Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date.

NOTE - 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.

III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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 equence as described in this plans of use, *please discuss it with us before you do so.*

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

Water troughs are to be filled before cattle enter any of the grazing units. When cattle leave a grazing unit, the troughs in that unit are to be drained.

The permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit, three days for non-timbered units and five days for timbered units

Proper distribution of livestock is very important to proper forage utilization. Proper distribution can be attained through placement of water developments, salting, and riding. Salt should be placed ¼ mile away from all heavily used trails, all roads, all water, and all natural concentration areas. Some riding usually needs to be done to herd cattle into unused areas or to prevent them from over-utilizing stream bottoms or other riparian areas.

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.

At the end of the grazing season, we would appreciate it if you would please let us know what your actual use was for the season. We will mail you an actual use form to fill out after the end of the grazing season. This information is one of the many forms of data used to determine how the range is responding to the management practices applied to it.

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 (#04-00-097, 2/03, according to 36CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and 36 CFR 261.58 (t) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Carmen Creek C&H Allotment will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment.

Each individual permittee is responsible for maintenance of certain Forest Service range improvements on the allotment, as listed in their grazing permits.

No.	Name	Target Date	Condition
2046	Carmen Ck Boundary Fence	06/30	satisfactory
2074	Carmen Water Dev. & Fence	06/30	satisfactory
2205	Carmen West Water Dev. & Fence	06/30	satisfactory

The above range improvements are physically present on the allotment and have been reviewed and found to be in the above condition by the permittee as attested by his signature at the end of this document.

NO NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR THIS YEAR.

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 2003 grazing season are \$1.35 per Head Month. .

In 2003 the Forest Service will be billing \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC). This will be done separately from your grazing fees for the Forest Service.

VI. CONCERNS/ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution

I have reviewed and accepted this Annual Operating Plan for the 2003 grazing season. Any changes to this Annual Operating Plan must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee _____

Date _____

Forest Officer _____

Date _____