

DIAMOND-MOOSE C&H ALLOTMENT

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the annual operating instructions for the 2003 grazing season for the Diamond-Moose C&H allotment and are considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit(s).

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
118	5/12	10/10	590	125	05/16	10/23	581
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122	5/16	05/31	68	119	05/16	05/31	63
81	6/01	10/10	352	85	06/01	10/23	349
161	5/25	10/10	736	167	05/22	10/23	741
77	5/12	10/10	385	134	Total Nonuse	Total Nonuse	Total Nonuse
52	5/16	10/10	253		Total Nonuse	Total Nonuse	Total Nonuse
84	5/25	10/10	384	82	05/17	10/23	377

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates **	Riparian	Uplands
1	Leesburg Stage Rd/Canoe Basin***	250/641	05/16-08/01	4"	4"
2	Deriar Creek	85/218	05/16-08/01	4"	4"
3	Wicham Area	167/132	05/22-06/14		4"
3	Dump Creek	167/264	06/15-08/01	4"	4"
4	Bird-Comet Creek	82/207	5/17-08/01	4"	4"
5	Moose Creek	584/1150	08/02-10/20	4"	4"
	Trailing off BLM	584/58	10/21-10/23		

** **These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date. The dates from May 16 thru May 31 are grazing on the BLM portion of the allotment.

*** Cattle will be spread out between the two units.

Livestock off date removal from grazing units will be staggered under the following schedule providing that grazing utilization levels are in compliance with use standards for designated key areas. Earlier removal will be necessary if use levels have reached standards. It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure cattle are moved before utilization standards are exceeded.

DATE TO BE OFF ALLOTMENT	NUMBER OF COW/CALF PAIRS
September 11	146
September 25	146
October 9	146
October 23	146

Cattle must be removed from Napias creek by September 9 due to bull trout spawning.

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 Association must employ at least one full time rider, preferably two, to control livestock distribution, movement and grazing use during the grazing season, May 16 through October 23.

The Association will ensure timely movement and control of livestock to meet grazing utilization standards for all key areas on the allotment.

The Association will assist the District in monitoring grazing use and collecting utilization data. A field review with the permittees has been scheduled for June 17 to visit key areas, discuss most appropriate measure of use, species measured, measurement techniques and location, and the need for each site.

The Association will cooperate with Fish and Wildlife Services, The Nez Perce Tribe and Defenders of Wildlife in the event of lethal and/or non-lethal control actions taken on wolf/livestock harassment and/or depredations on the allotment.

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.**

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. In timbered units, all cattle should be moved from one unit to the next in 5-7 days.

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 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 to 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 Diamond-Moose C&H Allotment will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment or into the first unit.

Each individual is responsible for maintenance of certain Forest Service range improvements on the allotment, as listed in their grazing permits. Management needs for the following range improvements are described in our May 12, 2003 letter that captured our discussion on improvements of the April 17, 2003, AOI meeting.

No.	Name	Target Date	By	Current Condition
5049	Bird Creek Water Dev	5/31	permittee	poor
5050	Bird Creek Ridge Trough	5/31	permittee	satisfactory
5051	Wicham Water Development	5/31	permittee	satisfactory
5054	Queen of the Hills Trough	5/31	permittee	satisfactory
5056	Dump Creek Water Dev	5/31	permittee	satisfactory
5059	Bob Moore Boundary Fence	5/15	permittee	good
5060	Fenster Creek Unit Fence	5/31	permittee	good
5061	Gillium Unit Fence	5/31	permittee	satisfactory
5195	Water Works Drift Fence	5/16	permittee	good
5196	Lakes Drift Fence	5/15	permittee	poor
5215	Stage Coach Water Dev.	5/15	permittee	good
5217	Lower Wallace Creek Fence	5/15	permittee	good

5227	Bear Gulch #2 Water Dev.	5/31	permittee	satisfactory
5256	Cutoff Water Development	5/31	permittee	satisfactory
5269	Lower Moose Trough	8/01	permittee	satisfactory
5271	Middle Bob Moore Wtr. Dev.	5/31	permittee	satisfactory
5313	Lower Moose Ck Water Dev.	8/01	permittee	satisfactory
5322	Lower Bob Moore Wtr Dev.	5/31	permittee	poor
5347	Diamond Creek Water Dev.	5/31	permittee	good
5359	Tendoy Pipeline	5/31	permittee	good
5360	Stage Road Drift Fence	5/31	permittee	good
5362	Wicham Spring Water Dev	5/31	permittee	good
5365	Wicham Drift Fence	5/31	permittee	good
5367	Tendoy Drift Fence	5/31	permittee	satisfactory
5368	Tendoy Trough #1	5/31	permittee	good
5369	Tendoy Trough #2	5/31	permittee	good
5370	Tendoy Trough #3	5/31	permittee	good
5371	Tendoy Drift Fence Extension	5/31	permittee	good
5372	Scarecrow Cabin Drift Fence	5/31	permittee	good
5378	Beatrack Fence*	8/01	permittee	good
5428	Wallace Creek Drift Fence	5/15	permittee	good
5435	Camp Creek Fence	8/01	permittee	good

* From gate in SE1/4SW1/4 Section 22, T.22N., R.22E. east to the end of the fence.

The above range improvements are physically present and have been reviewed and found to be in the above condition by the permittees as attested by their signature at the bottom of this document.

NO NEW CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED FOR 2003

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. The Forest Service will be billing for BLM portions of the allotment.

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. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Grazing occurs on the North Fork Ranger District behind the drift fence in East Boulder.	The Forest Service will make sure the gate stays closed.

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 _____

District Ranger _____

Date _____