

**CAMAS CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the Camas Creek C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. PERMITTED / AUTHORIZED USE

Whitworth Ranches Inc.							
Term Grazing Permit				Authorized Use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
132	6/01	10/15	594	110	6/01	9/20	405

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE AND MONITORING UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates *	Riparian	Uplands
2	Upper Silver Creek	110/87	06/01-06/20	6"	50%
3	West Fork	110/65	06/21-07/05	50%	50%
4	Camas Creek(Mouth Furnac Cr to Hidden Valley Ranch)	110/213	07/06-07/25	6"	50%
4	Camas Creek(Furnace, Pole, and Castle Creeks)	132***/161	07/26-08/31	4"	50%
1	Lower Silver Creek	132/87	09/01-09/20	6"	50%

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

** Keep cattle out of the area around the mouth of Silver Creek. Cattle trucked into the allotment should be overnighed at your corrals at Meyers Cove.

***Some cattle would still be allowed along Camas Creek below the mouth of Furnace Creek until August 15.

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

From July 6 through July 25 the permittee will have a rider camped at the Northwest corner of the Hidden Valley Ranch property to keep cattle on private property. On July 26, the permittee will move the cattle up Furnace Creek to the ridge between Pole Creek and Furnace Creek where they will stay until August 31. Cattle must be kept off of Furnace Creek during that period of time. If any cattle do go back to the bottom of Furnace Creek or Castle Creek, the permittee will make every effort to push these cattle out of Furnace Creek and Castle Creek.

The permittee or his rider will check the gates in the Furnace Drift Fence to make sure they are closed and cattle have not gone above Furnace Creek. If cattle do get above the fence, they must be moved back up Furnace Creek to the ridge between Furnace Creek and Pole Creek immediately(within 48 hours after notification by a Forest Officer).

Any cattle that go above the private land boundary will be considered unauthorized use and the permittee may be billed at the unauthorized use rate of \$4.10 per Head Month depending on the circumstances.

Once 50 percent use has been met on the ridge between Furnace Creek and Pole Creek or the stubble height indicators of 4" have been met in riparian key areas of Furnace Creek or Castle Creek, cattle would be removed from the Camas Creek Unit via Pole Creek, down Castle Creek, and the hardened crossings along the Camas Creek road to the Lower Silver Creek Unit.

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, 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 Camas Creek C&H Allotment will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment or into the first unit.

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
1020	Camas Drift Fence	06/20	Satisfactory
1060	Camas Division Fence	06/20	Good
1061	West Fork Trough	06/20	Good
5436	Furnace Creek Fence	07/04	Good
5437	Rams Creek Fence	08/31	Good
5438	Meyer's Cove Trough	06/20	Good
5451	Camas/Morgan Allotment Boundary Fence	05/31	Good
5455	Castle Creek Fence	07/04	Good

No New Construction Scheduled in 2008

V. BILLING INFORMATION

Grazing fees are to be paid to Lockbox, Los Angeles, 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 2008 grazing season are \$1.35 per Head Month.

In 2008, the Forest Service will be billing \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC) on authorized use. 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 2008 grazing season. Any changes to this Annual Operating Plan must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee /s/ Jack M. Whitworth

Date 4/14/08

Forest Officer /s/ Kimberly D. Nelson

Date 4/14/08