

HAWLEY CREEK ALLOTMENT
2008 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the Annual Operating Instructions for the 2008 grazing season and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of your grazing permit.

1. PERMITTED AND AUTHORIZED USE

Permittee	PERMITTED			AUTHORIZED		
	Number	Dates	HM'S	Numbers	Dates	HM'S
McFarland Livestock	302	7/1-9/30	913	302	6/16 – 9/15	913
242 Remuda Ranch (Drake)	296	7/1-9/30	895	296	6/16 - 9/15	895
Shiner Ranches Inc.	247	7/1-9/30	747	247	6/16 - 9/15	747
Leadore Land Partners	316	7/1-9/30	956	316	6/16 - 9/15	956
Total	1161		3511	1161	6/16 - 9/15	3511

2. GRAZING SCHEDULE & STANDARDS 2008 Season

The Hawley Creek Association will apply deferred rotation grazing on the units described below, and will run cattle in the following sequences:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Cattle Number</i>	<i>Estimated Period of Use</i>	<i>Use Std** Riparian/Upland</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Upper Ranch Unit/ Rocky Cyn	161 c	6/16 - 8/25	40% / 50%	
Little Bear/Timber-Lower Res.	161 c	8/26 – 9/15	40% / 50%	
Lower Ranch Unit & Deer Cr / Slide Gulch	500 pr	6/16 – 7/15	40% / 50%	
Little Bear / Stove Cr.	500 pr	6/16 – 7/15	40% / 50%	
Quaking Aspen	500 pr	7/16 - 8/1	35% / 50%	
Cabin Cr/Elk Mtn	500 pr	7/16 - 8/1	40% / 50%	
Upper Poison/Bog	500 pr	8/2 - 8/16	35% / 50%	
Meadow Cr /Big Bear Slope	500 pr	8/2 - 8/16	40% / 50%	
Fish Pasture		Intermittent use	35% / 50%	
Upper Big Bear Lower Wheetip & Horse Thief	1000 pr	8/17 – 8/31	40% / 50%	
Little Bear / Pasture and Upper Wheetip	1000 pr	9/1 – 9/15	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 standards 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.

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.

3. Salt and/or Mineral and Protein Supplement Placement:

Salt or supplement 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 will not be placed on or within sight of the Continental Divide Trail. **Use of motorized vehicles to distribute salt or do maintenance in restricted areas, will be allowed prior to July 16, if a valid permit is issued.**

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).

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/RECONSTRUCTION

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, and must be maintained prior to livestock entering the unit to be grazed. Notify the Forest Service when this maintenance is complete. If verification is not received from the permittees, inspections will be made. If 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.

Range Improvements Maintenance	Agreed to Means of Completing Project	Schedule
Ranch Unit pipeline and storage	Start water flow, repair lines	Late May
Rt. Fk L. Bear spr (exclosure)	Replace trough, work on exclosure	By Mid-June
Deer Cr. Pipeline & troughs	Work on headbox, liner, clean pipeline	By Mid-June
Back Country Horseman Trough	Re-set headbox, may need another trough	By July 16
Short Creek Spring	Re-set headbox and trough, exclos.	Start mid-July
New Improvements		
Horse Thief trough, exclos, & fence	Permittee Labor, F.S. Materials	Start July 21

EQIP Project Proposals		Schedule by ??
Lower Rch. Spring P.L.	Extend line east and west, 2 troughs	ON HOLD
Rt. Fk. Little Bear Spr. P.L.	Extend line north, one trough	ON HOLD
L. Bear Switchback Spr.	Exclosure, headbox, line and trough	ON HOLD
West Fish Pasture Spr.	Exclosure, headbox, line and trough	#1 Priority, ON HOLD
Upper Wheetip Spr. & P.L.	Exclosure, headbox, line and trough	ON HOLD
Wheetip Spr WD	Exclosure, headbox, line and trough	ON HOLD
Lower Reservoir Drift Fence	Install drift fence below mouth of Big Bear. Approx. ¼ mile	ON HOLD

6. ACTION SUMMARY

The USFS authorizes the Hawley Creek Association the following for the 2008 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.

These Annual Operating Instructions for the 2008 grazing season was discussed with all permittees on April 23, 2008. Any changes to this plan will need to be approved by the District Ranger or the Acting District Ranger. You will be provided an actual use booklet. The Association President is responsible for seeing that it is filled out and returned to the Leadore District Office at the end of the season.

Accepted By: Blair Hauer Date: 4/28/08
Hawley Creek Association President

Approved: Dennis Hilliard Date: 4/28/08
Leadore District Ranger