

LEE CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This is the annual operating plan for the 2008 grazing season for the Lee Creek C&H allotment and is considered part of the terms and conditions of the term grazing permits.

**I. Permitted / Authorized Use**

Peterson Land & Livestock							
James Whittaker							
George C. Udy estate							
Term Grazing Permit				Authorized Use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
254	6/16	8/15	509	254	6/16	8/15	509
151	6/16	8/15	303	151	6/16	8/15	303
58	6/16	8/15	117	58	6/16	8/15	117

**II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards**

Actual Grazing Schedule			Allowable Use Standards		
Unit No.	Unit Name	# head	Dates*	Riparian**	Uplands
1	Lee Cr.	463	6/16-7/5	50%	45%
2	Big 8 Mile	463	7/6-7/26	<b>Big 8 Mile-45%</b> <b>FS Bndry-35%</b>	45%
3	Walters Cr	463	7/27-8/15	50%	45%
REST	Everson Cr			35%	45%

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

\*\* **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 the allotment. % utilization, will be used to determine whether the pastures met or did not meet Forest Plan Standards and Guides.

Unit	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Walters	1	REST	1	3	1	REST	1
Lee Cr.	3	2	REST	1	3	2	REST
Everson	2	3	2	REST	2	3	2
Big 8 mile	REST	1	3	2	REST	1	3

1 = First unit grazed, range readiness or 6/16; 2 = Second unit grazed 3 = Third unit grazed

### **III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

If you are planning to put less than 90% of the permitted cattle on the allotment, you will need to apply for non-use.

Turn on dates are tentative. Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on date is appropriate. Livestock will be moved to an ungrazed pasture, or removed from the allotment when utilization levels are reached.

Distribution of livestock is important for proper forage utilization. Proper distribution can be attained by:

- Ensuring critical water developments are functioning properly.
- Placing salt at least a 1/4 mile away from: Heavily used trails, Roads, water, and natural concentration areas
- Riding should be done to herd cattle into unused areas
- Monitoring herd use will prevent overutilization of stream bottoms and other key riparian areas

When the grazing season is ended make sure all pipelines are drained.

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.

Any hay or straw used in association with this permit, will be certified and tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order.

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 become a public nuisance, must be properly disposed of.

You will be provided an actual use booklet. The Association president is responsible for seeing that it is filled out and returned to the FS at the end of the season.

### **IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION**

Improvements on the Lee Creek 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, prior to turnout, 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.

### Special Improvement Projects Needing Work in 2008

No.	Name	Target Date	By	Responsibilities

#### V. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Stragglers left after herd leaves unit.	Permittee agrees to have unit cleaned of all livestock within 3 days and 5 days for timbered units.
Cattle on FS allotment before turn on date.	Permittee maintains the FS/BLM fence and checks adjoining FS pastures, as needed, when grazing on BLM lands.
Overuse in grazed units.	Use as agreed to in the AOI. Increased monitoring by permittee. (See utilization chart)

#### 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 2008 grazing season are \$1.35 per Head Month. 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.

I have reviewed and accepted these Annual Operating Instructions for the 2008 grazing season. Any changes to these Instructions must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee /s/ <i>Thomas Udy for Udy Estate</i>	Date 5/5/2008
Permittee /s/ <i>Ed Peterson</i>	Date 5/5/2008
Permittee /s/ <i>James Whittaker</i>	Date 5/7/2008
Forest Officer /s/ <i>Kimberly D. Nelson</i>	Date 6/12/2008