

NEZ PERCE CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

Ellsworth Angus

Y Livestock

Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
150	7/1	9/20	404	150	7/1	9/20	404
50	7/1	9/20	135	40	7/1	9/20	135

Authorization amounts to 100% of permitted use.

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	No. head	Dates*	Riparian	Uplands
1	Dry Gulch	200	7/1-7/21	50%	50%
2	Nez Perce Creek	200	7/22-8/21	50%	50%
3	Deer Creek	200	8/22-9/20	50%	50%
REST	Mtn. Boy	0	-	50%	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.

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

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

Some livestock may be removed early, towards the end of the season. If this occurs, an appropriate length of time will be given to the remaining livestock to use the remaining head months of forage, not to exceed 539 total head months of grazing.

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

- Ensuring critical water developments are functioning properly. When cattle leave a grazing unit, the water pipelines in that unit are to be drained.
- Salt will be placed 1/4 mile away from: Heavily used trails Roads, water, and natural concentration areas.
- Riding/monitoring will be done to herd cattle into unused areas, to prevent over-utilization of stream bottoms or other riparian areas.

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. At the end of the grazing season, please mail in the actual use booklet that you have received.

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Nez Perce 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.

No.	Name	Target Date	By	Responsibilities
1				
2				

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. 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
Stragglers left after herd leaves unit.	Permittee agrees to have unit cleaned of all livestock within 3 days and 5 days for timbered units.
Overuse in grazed units.	Use as agreed to in the AOI. Increased monitoring by permittee. (See utilization chart)

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	Date
<i>/s/ Carl Ellsworth for Ellsworth Angus</i>	5/6/2008
Permittee	Date
<i>/s/ Carl Ellsworth for Leslie Ellsworth, Y Livestock</i>	5/6/2008
For Forest Officer	Date
<i>/s/ KIMBERLY D. NELSON</i>	6/12/2008