

TEX CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the Tex Creek C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

James Whittaker							
Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
Cattle #	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
100	*5/26	11/30	NTE 114	100	5/26	11/30	NTE 114

The Tex Creek C&H allotment is not divided into units. The USFS portion of this allotment is grazed in common with the permittee's private land and the BLM 's Center Ridge allotment. The Tex Creek allotment (USFS portion) comprises about 20% of the total grazing area. This allotment is grazed season long from 5/26-11/30. Use on the USFS portion of the allotment should not exceed 114 head months.

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards **	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# head	Dates *	Riparian	Uplands
1	Tex Creek	150	5/23-6/11	NA	45%
2	Purcell Pasture	100	11/1-12/10	40%	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.

- **It is the permittee's responsibility to insure cattle are moved before utilization levels are exceeded. Purcell Springs, Key area in between on hydric and upland species of graminoids, below the road as you come into the pasture.

Riparian area use on Carex and other hydric species
40% use equals about 4-5 inches of stubble
35% use equals about 5-6 inches of stubble

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.

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.

A STATE CLOSURE ORDER EXISTS - 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 (#04-00-057, 4/96, according to 36CFR 261.58 (t)) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

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.

Please mail in your actual use report at the end of the grazing season.

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION

The Tex Creek pipeline and trough should be inspected & maintained. It should be up and running prior to livestock entry onto the allotment. This will aid in proper distribution and utilization.

If verification of maintenance is not received from the permittee, 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 permittee may be billed for excess use and or a Notice of Non-compliance may be issued.

No new construction is planned for this allotment this year.

V. ACTION SUMMARY

Watch for weeds, knapweed or leafy spurge, along the highway right-of-way and in the Purcell Springs area. Please let us know if you see any new infestations or any new species we may not know about.

Here are Annual Operating Instructions for the 2008 grazing season. Any changes to these Annual Operating Instructions must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee <i>/s/ James Whittaker</i>	Date 5/7/2008
Forest Officer <i>/s/ KIMBERLY D. NELSON</i>	Date 6/12/2008