

**UPPER HAYDEN C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the Upper Hayden C&H allotment. This AOI will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the Shiner Ranches Inc. grazing permit.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

Shiner Ranches Inc.							
Permitted				Authorized			
Cattle No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
FS- 500	7/1	9/30	1510	500	7/1	9/30	1510
BLM-240	6/1	6/30	240	240	6/1	6/30	240
			1750				1750

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards**		
Unit No.	Unit Name	# head	Dates*	HMs	Riparian	Uplands
1	BLM-Meadow Cr	240	6/1-6/30	237	45%	45%
2	Boulder Flat	500	7/1-7/15	247	35%	45%
3	Payne/Ford	500	7/16-8/11	444	45%	45%
4	Kadletz Creek	400	8/12-9/07	355	45%	45%
5	Upper Hayden	100	8/12-9/07	89	40%	40%
6	Tobias/Mogg	500	9/08-9/30	378	45%	45%
REST	Apple Creek	0	No Use		45%	45%
REST	Bear Valley Riparian		No Use		0%	0%

*- **These dates are tentative.** 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 plans of use, *please discuss it with us before you do so.*

- **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.

Utilization Standards: Riparian area use on Carex and other hydric species
 50% use is equal to about a 4 inch stubble height
 45% use equals about 5 inches of stubble
 40% use equals about 5-6 inches of stubble
 35% use equals about 6-7 inches of stubble

Long Range Plan:

Pasture	06	07	08	09	10
FS-Kadletz Cr.	2	3	4	R	3
Payne/Ford	R	4	3	4	2
Upper Hayden	3	5	5	3	R
Tobias/Mogg	3	R	5	3	4
Apple Creek	4	2	R	2	5
Boulder Flat	3	D	2	D	D
BLM-Meadow Cr.	1	1	1	1	1

1 =Range Readiness
2 =Second
3 = Third
4 = Fourth
R = Rest
D = Deferred

III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Stubble height will be monitored and reported to the Interagency Implementation Team after the grazing season, from key areas on the allotment. Percent utilization, will be used to determine whether the pastures met or did not meet Forest Plan Standards and Guides.

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

1. Ensuring critical water developments are functioning properly.
2. Salt will be placed 1/4 mile away from all heavily used trails, roads, water, and all natural concentration areas.
3. 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.

The Kadletz Creek pipeline is to be filled before cattle enter the grazing unit. When cattle leave a grazing unit, the pipelines in those units are to be drained.

It is especially important to maintain unit integrity under the present Needs for post-fire recovery. Please make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit in a timely manner when the grazing period has ended for that unit or earlier, if standards have been reached. Five days are allowed for cleaning cattle from timbered units, 3 days for non-timbered units. Inspections to ensure cattle do not get back in the unit are also essential. Cattle in units beyond these periods will be considered unauthorized.

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 be a public nuisance, must be properly disposed of.

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

WHERE 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).

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Upper Hayden 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 turn-out 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.

The planned projects on the Upper Hayden C&H allotment for this grazing season are:

2008 projects

No.	Name	Target Date	Construction	Materials
1	# 4147, Ford Creek Spring, reconstruct and fence source, replace trough	8/15	Permittee	FS- trough, Jack material/rails
2	Spring # 4149, Kadletz Ridge, install Bladder to replace tank. Feasibility of ram pump in Wright Creek after NEPA	7/10	Permittee	Permittee

EQIP – NRCS cost-share program.

V. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Water developments are critical for proper distribution of cows.	Maintain as per part III of the term grazing permit before livestock entry onto the allotment.
Boulder Flat gates being left open during hunting season.	Check often and be sure gates are easy to operate.
Trailing across Apple Creek late in the year, cattle drop down and use key area.	Apple Creek is rested this year. Report to permittee if cattle are seen there. They will work to keep cattle off of key area during late trailing.

VI. 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 Annual Operating Instructions must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee <i>/s/ Shiner Ranch, Stephen Shiner</i>	Date 3/13/08
For- Forest Officer <i>/s/ Ben Garachana</i>	Date 3/13/08