

F.S. GRIZZLY HILL, MOLLIE'S GULCH & HES 208
&
BLM FREESTRIP ALLOTMENTS
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the annual operating instructions for the Grizzly Hill, Mollie's Gulch, HES 208 and Freestrip allotments. This AOI will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the F.S. grazing permit.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

Authorized cattle numbers below reflect grazing use on all BLM and F.S. allotments. An additional 21 head are allowed from State lands leased by Leadore Land Partners LLC within Grizzly Hill C&H (F.S.) and Freestrip (BLM) Allotments.

Term Grazing Permits					AUTHORIZED USE				
1. Leadore Land Partners LLC									
Allot.	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s*	Cattle number	On Date	Off Date	Active H.M.s	Nonuse HMs
Grizzly	359	6/1	10/31	1806	500	6/5	7/23	806	272
Grizzly	509	6/21	10/31	2225	241	7/24	8/25	262	
Grizzly	25	6/1	10/31	126	500	8/26	9/30	592	
					458	7/1	9/15	1160	1065
<i>Subtotal</i>				4157				2820	
Freestrip BLM	145	6/1	10/31	NTE 481	REST			0	481
<i>State</i>	21	6/1	10/31	106	42	7/1	9/15	106	
Mollie	210	8/1	9/10	283	259	7/24	8/25	281	2
HES208	varies	6/1	10/31	14	4	7/1	9/30	12	2
<i>total</i>				5041				3219	1822

- Herds may consist of yearlings, cow/calf pairs, bulls and/or dry cows.
- Herd #1 is 500 cattle, reflected in the first 3 lines of authorized use, plus Mollie Gulch authorized use.
- Herd #2 is 504 cattle, reflected in line 4, plus the State and HES 208 authorized use.
- The authorized use reflected above allows for up to 1,002 head of cattle during the summer period.
- Fall use may be authorized and billed at a later date, if unused units are available after weaning.
- Shaded columns are BLM permitted and authorized use. Permitted numbers reflect 100% of use on PL, (since the State use is on a separate line below). Use in the Freestrip Allotment is limited to a maximum of four weeks, not to exceed 481 AUMs, and must be rested one year in four.

II. Grazing Schedule and Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule					Allowable Standards	
Herd	Unit Name	# head	*Dates	Head Months	Riparian	Uplands
1	Willow Springs	500	6/5 - 6/19	247	4" stubble	45%
	Switchback	500	6/20 - 7/23	559	4" stubble	45%
	Wagonbox/Jakes	241	7/24 - 8/25	262	4" stubble	45%
	Mollies Gulch	259	7/24 - 8/25	281	4" stubble	45%
	Grizzly	500	8/26 - 9/30	592	4" stubble	45%
2	Canyon Cr Corridor/ Hood Gulch	504	7/1 - 7/7	116	5" stubble	45%
	Frank Hall/Wildcat	504	7/8 - 7/31	398	4-5" stubble	45%
	Cruikshank Pvt.	504	8/1 - 8/7		NA	
	Upper & Lower Salt Creek	504	8/8 - 9/12	597	4-5" stubble	45%
	Private for weaning				NA	
	Bell Field/upper Canyon Cr.	varies	late summer pre/post wean	167	4-5" stubble	45%
		1,004	Total	3219		

*- **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 above, *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.**

** **35% to 50% use on riparian areas equals about 4-5" of residual stubble on hydric species.** 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.

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.

III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- Ensuring critical water developments are functioning properly before cattle enter any of the grazing units. 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 all heavily used trails, roads, water, and all 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.

The permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit. 5 days for timbered units, 3 days for non-timbered units.

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

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).

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.

VI. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION

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.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SCHEDULE

Note- Routine maintenance needs to be performed on all structural range improvements, (including those not listed here) prior to the scheduled on-date for the unit.			
<i>WATER DEVELOPMENTS</i>			
Existing Projects Range Improvement/Work Needed		Agreed Upon Means of Completing Project	Work Schedule 2008
4179	Soapstone Spring- replace trough and storage tank	Permittee labor & equip.	By Aug. 25
4181	Waugh Spring- reset headbox, pipe to trough and overflow	Permittee labor & equip., F.S. provide headbox.	By Aug. 25
4283	Grizzly W.D. - replace pipe between troughs, enclosure work needed.	Permittee labor and equip.	By Aug. 25
4168	Upper Salt Spring- enclosure fence repair and re-locate.	Permittee labor, F.S. materials	By Aug. 8
4444a & b	Salt Creek pipeline and troughs- maintenance	Permittee labor and materials	By Aug. 8
4186	Switchback Spring/ P.L. - replace middle trough	Permittee labor & equip. / F.S. furnish trough, cribbing	By June 20
4185	Lower Wagonbox Spring- reset headbox, new trough, relay overflow line	Permittee labor & pipe / F.S. furnish headbox and trough	Look at on-site By mid-July w/FS
4184	Upper Wagonbox Spring- reset headbox, new trough, and enclosure fence	Permittee labor / F.S. furnish headbox and trough	Look at on-site by mid-July w/FS

<i>FENCES</i>			
Existing Projects Range Improvement/Work Needed		Agreed Upon Means of Completing Project	Work Schedule 2008
4043	Jakes Canyon Narrows/ post/pole barrier destroyed	Permittee maintain prior to Jake's BLM unit on-date	By June 1
4046	Hood Gulch/Canyon Fence/ old, needs major repairs (relocate?)	Permittee maintain, schedule for reconstruct	Look at Prior to on-date,
4045	Waugh Gulch Fence/ needs major repairs	Permittee assess reconstruct or removal needs	Look at options w/ FS by mid-July
4115	Aspen/Frank Hall Division Fence, north ½ / maintain and reconstruct 0.9 miles	Permittee labor to maintain fence on existing ridge & saddle.	Before 7/15
4051, 4052	HES 200, 202, 208 Fences- need major rebuild, old	Permittee assess reconstruct needs, proposal to F.S.	Maintain Before turnout
4042	Wagonbox/Griz Division Fence- snowdrift area	Permittee maintain / F.S. look at relocation potential	Look at w/ FS before turnout
New Project Proposals			Work Schedule
None in 2008			

VII. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Water developments need to be maintained on all units for proper distribution of cows.	Maintain as per part III of the term grazing permit before livestock entry onto the allotment.
Cattle in Frank Hall/ Wild Cat units, may drift into Hawley Creek allotment.	Maintain Unit Integrity and boundary fences. Control excessive drift by riding and locating cattle on water sources. Monitor use of these units to meet the grazing use standard.

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 /s/ Carl Luffein

Date 4/28/08

Forest Officer /s/ Dennis Hilliard

Date 4/28/08