

**DIAMOND-MOOSE FOREST & BLM ALLOTMENTS
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

These are the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the BLM Diamond-Moose, and FS Diamond-Moose C&H allotments and are considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit(s).

I. PERMITTED/AUTHORIZED USE

Line 1: John Aldous, Sr. *Line 2:* John Aldous Jr., *Line 3:* Linell or Jon L. Bills, *Line 4:* Carm-Ida Livestock, *Line 5 :* William Slavin

BLM Term Grazing Permit				
	Cows	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
1	255	5/17	5/31	126
1	255	10/1	10/3	25
2	53	5/12	5/31	35
2	70	10/1	10/3	7
3	122	5/15	5/31	68
3	83	10/1	10/3	8
4	53	5/12	5/31	35
4	170	5/21	5/31	61
4	70	10/1	10/3	7
4	170	10/1	10/3	17
5	84	5/17	5/31	41
5	84	10/1	10/3	8

Authorized use				
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	
230	5/12	5/31	151	
--	10/23	10/23	--	
63	5/12	5/31	42	
--	10/23	10/23	--	
122	5/12	5/30	76	
--	8/30	8/30	--	
182	5/12	5/31	120	
--	combined	above	--	
--	10/22	10/23	--	
--	combined	above	--	
84	5/17	5/31	41	
84	10/1	10/3	8	

Forest Service Term Grazing Permit				
	Cows	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
1	118	6/1	10/10	512
2	118	6/1	10/10	512
2	67	6/1	10/10	291
3	85	6/1	10/10	369
4	67	6/1	10/10	290
4	161	6/1	10/10	699
4				
5	84	6/1	10/10	337
	Total of		Permits	3448

Authorized use				
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	
118	6/1	10/10	512	
175	6/1	10/10	760	
100	10/11	10/23	43	
122	5/31	8/30	369	
40	6/2	10/10	173	
182	6/1	10/10	790	
60	10/11	10/23	26	
84	6/1	9/30	337	

Permittees have agreed to an on-date of 5/12 (Slavin on 5/17, after pvt. Pasture use). They will continue with the same herd sizes as they move from BLM to F.S. at the end of May. Early use pastures on BLM must be back-roded to ensure that the BLM face units are clean. Since all permittees are at their full numbers, there will be no days allocated for fall use in the BLM units. Permittees have agreed to gather, and move ¼ of the herd off of the allotments on the dates prescribed below, beginning in early September. Some permittees (Bills) will either move off sooner, or request an extension of time, because of the herd sizes they chose to turn onto the allotments. Two permittees (Aldous, Jr., Carm-Ida) have reserved the option of bringing on more cattle (10 and 46 head, respectively) to fill out their F.S. authorizations, or staying at their turn-out numbers for 13 days later in October. For billing purposes, a reduced herd number has been displayed for the period from 10/11 through 10/23. All permittees have the option of applying for a partial refund, for early removal due to drought or reaching use standards.

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE AND UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Permittee	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates *	Riparian	Uplands
Aldous Jr. Aldous Sr.	Leesburg Stage Rd/ Canoe Basin**	233/498	05/12-07/15	4"	4"
Aldous Jr.	Deriar Creek(south)	60/128	05/12-07/15		50%
Bills	Deriar Creek	122/261	05/12-07/15		50%
Carm-Ida	Deriar Creek(north)	80/90	05/12-07/15		50%
Carm-Ida	Wicham Area	102/114	05/12-06/14		50%
Carm-Ida	Dump Creek	147/150	06/15-07/15	4"	50%
Slavin	Bird-Comet Creek	84/166	05/17-07/15		50%
ALL	Moose Creek***	681/1691	07/16-10/9	4"	50%
	Trailing off FS & BLM	171/79	10/10-10/23		
	Total anticipated use	3,212 HM's			

* **These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date. The dates from May 12 thru May 31 is the grazing period for the BLM portion of the first 3 units.

** Cattle will be spread out between the two units.

*** Cattle need to be moved across to the west side of the Moose Creek unit initially.

USE STANDARDS, when met at Key Areas (SEE MAP), WILL REQUIRE PROMPT MOVEMENT OF CATTLE.

Livestock removal from grazing units will be staggered under the following schedule providing that grazing utilization levels are in compliance with use standards for designated key areas. Earlier removal will be necessary if use levels have reached standards. It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure cattle are moved before utilization standards are exceeded.

<u>Date to be off the allotment</u>	<u>Number cow/calf pairs removed</u>
September 5	All cattle removed from Napias creek due to bull trout spawning.
September 11	170
September 25	170
October 9	170
October 23	171

NOTE - 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

The Association must employ at least one full time rider, preferably two, to control livestock distribution, movement and grazing use during the grazing season, May 12 through October 23.

The Association will ensure timely movement and control of livestock to meet grazing utilization standards for all key areas on the allotment.

The Association will assist the District in monitoring grazing use and collecting utilization data.

The Association will cooperate with Fish and Wildlife Services, The Nez Perce Tribe and Defenders of Wildlife in the event of lethal and/or non-lethal control actions taken on wolf/livestock harassment and/or depredations on the allotment.

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 plan of use, *please discuss it with us before you do so.* Russ Riebe is at phone # 756-5246.

If you are planning to put less than 90 percent of the permitted cattle on the allotment, you will need to apply for nonuse.

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.

The permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit. In timbered units, all cattle should be moved from one unit to the next in 5-7 days.

Proper distribution of livestock is very important to proper forage utilization. Proper distribution can be attained through placement of water developments, salting, and riding. Salt should be placed away from all heavily used trails, all roads, all water, and all natural concentration areas. Some riding usually needs to be done to herd cattle into unused areas or to prevent them from over-utilizing stream bottoms or other riparian areas.

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.

At the end of the grazing season, send your actual use in to BLM (Wendy Hoffman) for After-the-fact Billing. She will mail you an actual use form to fill out after the end to the grazing season. This information is also valuable monitoring data used to determine how the range is responding to the management practices applied to it.

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 (#04-00-097, 2/03, according to 36CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and 36 CFR 261.58 (t)) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Diamond-Moose C&H Allotment will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment or into the first unit.

Each individual is responsible for maintenance of certain Forest Service range improvements on the allotment, as listed in their grazing permits.

No.	Name	Target Date	By	Current Condition
5049	Bird Creek Water Dev	5/31	Slavin	satisfactory
5051	Wicham Water Development	5/31	Carm-Ida	satisfactory
5052	Wicham Cabin Water Development	5/31	Carm-Ida	satisfactory
5054	Queen of the Hills Trough	5/31	Bills	satisfactory
5056	Dump Creek Water Dev	5/31	Carm-Ida	satisfactory

No.	Name	Target Date	By	Current Condition
5059	Bob Moore Boundary Fence	5/15	Aldous'	good
5060	Fenster Creek Unit Fence	5/31	Bills	good
5195	Water Works Drift Fence	5/16	Aldous'	good
5196	Lakes Drift Fence			abandoned
5208	Bird Creek #2 Water Development	5/31	Slavin	satisfactory
5215	Stage Coach Water Dev.	5/15	Aldous'	good
5217	Lower Wallace Creek Fence	5/15		Not needed
5227	Bear Gulch #2 Water Dev.	5/31	Carm-Ida	satisfactory
5256	Cutoff Water Development	7/14	Bills	satisfactory
5269	Lower Moose Trough	7/14	Carm-Ida	satisfactory
5271	Middle Bob Moore Wtr. Dev.	5/31	Aldous'	satisfactory
5313	Lower Moose Ck Water Dev.	7/14	Carm-Ida	satisfactory
5322	Lower Bob Moore Wtr Dev.	5/31	Aldous'	satisfactory
5347	Diamond Creek Water Dev.	5/31	Bills	good
5359	Tendoy Pipeline	5/31	Bills	good
5360	Stage Road Drift Fence	5/31	Aldous'	good
5362	Wicham Spring Water Dev	5/31	Carm-Ida	good
5365	Wicham Drift Fence	5/31	Carm-Ida	good
5367	Tendoy Drift Fence	5/31	Bills	satisfactory
5368	Tendoy Trough #1	5/31	Bills	good
5369	Tendoy Trough #2	5/31	Bills	good
5370	Tendoy Trough #3	5/31	Bills	good
5371	Tendoy Drift Fence Extension	5/31	Bills	good
5372	Scarecrow Cabin Drift Fence	5/31	Bills	good
5378	Beartrack Fence*	7/14	Aldous'	good
5385	Comet Creek CG and Drift Fence	5/16	Slavin	good
5408	Dump Creek Fence	5/16	Carm-Ida	good
5428	Wallace Creek Drift Fence	5/15	Carm-Ida	good
5435	Camp Creek Fence	7/14	Aldous'	good

* From gate in SE1/4SW1/4 Section 22, T.22N., R.22E. east to the end of the fence.

Construction Scheduled For 2008

Moose Meadows Temp. Electric Fence-(permittee's private)

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 for BLM portions of the allotment.

In 2008 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
Grazing occurs on the North Fork Ranger District behind the drift fence in East Boulder.	The Forest Service and permittees are to make sure the gate stays closed.
Cattle drift back onto Racetrack Meadow late in season, compromising riparian use standards.	Permittees will maintain a temporary electric fence, materials furnished by F.S.

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

Permittee */s/ John Aldous Jr.* Date 3/17/2008

Permittee */s/ John Aldous* Date 3/17/2008

Permittee */s/ Bill Slavin* Date 3/17/2008

Permittee */s/ Britt McFarland* Date 3/17/2008

Permittee */s/ JON L. BILLS* Date 3/17/2008

Approved : *KIMBERLY D. NELSON* Date 3/17/2008
District Ranger