

LITTLE EIGHT MILE C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This is the annual operating instructions (AOI) for the 2008 grazing season for the Little Eight Mile C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

Neibaur Farms							
Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
159	6/26	9/20	461	132	6/26	9/20	461

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# head	Dates	Riparian	Uplands
1	Lower Pasture	159	6/26 - 7/05	35%	40%
2	Upper South	159	7/06 - 8/11	Ponds-40%	40%
3	Upper North	159	8/12 – 9/20	45%	45%

These dates are tentative, pending range readiness.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has concurred with early use of the Lower Pasture not to exceed 10 days, providing that cattle are placed at the top of the unit on the uplands between the two forks of Little Eight-mile Creek.

The permittee agreed to ride the unit every other day during the early use, to keep cows pushed up off the Little Eight-mile Creek below the forks. Salt must be placed on the Lower Unit prior to cows going on and fencing maintained.

Cattle will be moved when proper use is reached within the key areas on the South Unit. When proper use is reached on the Upper North Unit, livestock will be trailed home. If the forage is plentiful and standards are not exceeded, you may continue to graze the allotment until the standards are met.

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.

Turn on dates are tentative. Livestock will be moved to an ungrazed pasture, or removed from the allotment when utilization levels are reached.

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

Ensuring critical water developments are functioning properly.

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.

You are authorized this year to place molasses containers on the ridge in the top of the North Unit to draw cattle to the area normally grazed lightly.

Any hay, straw or mulch 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 36 CFR 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.

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 Little Eight Mile 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.

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. ACTION SUMMARY

<u>Anticipated problem</u>	<u>Probable solution</u>
Unit integrity	Gate posts going into the lower unit needs work.
Stragglers left after herd leaves unit.	Permittee agrees to have unit cleaned of all livestock within 3 to 5 days after moves.
Overuse in grazed units.	Use as agreed to in the AOI. Increased monitoring by permittee. (See utilization chart)
No water high in Upper South Unit	Place salt or molasses tubs on upper areas to improve distribution and use. Look at the other possible water sources on Mont. side for feasibility of piping to upper units.
Bull trout may be spawning in the Lower Unit when cows need to trail out, approx. 9/ 10 to 9/20.	Use the same trail route as last year, agreed upon by the Fisheries Biologist to be a suitable stream crossing when cattle are trailed out from the upper North Unit.

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

Permittee /s/ Carl Sufkin

Date 4/28/08

Forest Officer /s/ Dennis Hilliard

Date 4/28/08