

**DEER PARK C&H ALLOTMENT  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2008 grazing season for the Deer Park 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			
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
170	6/16	10/5	624	170	6/16	10/5	624

**II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards**

Actual Grazing Schedule			Allowable Use Standards	
Unit Name	On Date	Off Date	**Riparian	Uplands
Deer Park	*6/16	7/25	35%	45%
North Fork	7/26	9/2	45%	45%
Adams Creek	9/3	10/5	35%	45%

\*- **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.**

North Fork is the last pasture used this year. This unit will need to be monitored closely so as to not exceed the 35% riparian utilization standard. All cattle will be removed from this unit when the utilization standard is reached.

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

### 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. (see letter in 2230 file).

**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: 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.**

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.

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.

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.

**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 Deer Park 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, 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.

Planned range improvement projects on the Deer Park C&H allotment for this grazing season include continued maintenance and reconstruction of the Deer Park Spring, pipelines and three troughs. In addition, the cross fences across the lower portions of the Adams and Deer Park Units will be assessed to determine if they should be retained to aid distribution and use during early and late periods of scheduled use. Reconstruction of these cross-fences will be cost shared, with Forest Service assisting with labor.

**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**

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Livestock crossing over the Deer Park/Lee Cr./Swan Basin allotment boundary fence.	Maintain the boundary fence between the two allotments before livestock enter the allotment.
Water developments need to be maintained on the units for proper distribution of cows.	Maintain as per part III of the term grazing permit before livestock entry onto the allotment.

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/ James Whittaker

Date 5/7/2008

Forest Officer /s/ KIMBERLY D. NELSON

Date 6/12/2008