

POWDERHORN ALLOTMENTS

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This is the annual operating plan for the 2004 grazing season for the Powderhorn (BLM) and Powderhorn C&H (FS) allotments and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

**I. Permitted / Authorized Use**

Wilson Ranches LLC							
Term Grazing Permit				Authorized Use			
Number	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
<b>BLM</b>							
350	4/15	5/1	188	440	4/21	5/4	202
150	5/1	12/12	1070	440	7/8	8/15	563
625	5/1	6/30	1203	440	6/1	7/7	537
782	7/1	7/15	370	440	9/6	10/1	361
734	7/16	7/31	371	82	7/1	8/1	86
626	8/1	9/15	909	306	8/16	9/5	211
332	9/16	12/10	922	440	11/1	12/1	449
<i>BLM</i>	<i>Total Not</i>	<i>To Exceed</i>	<i>= 5014 HMs</i>	Total 2004 Use, BLM			<b>2409</b>
<b>FS</b>							
85	7/1	9/30	255	82	8/2	9/1	84
32	8/15	10/15	64	92	8/16	9/5	63
<i>FS</i>	<i>Total Not</i>	<i>To Exceed</i>	<i>= 326 HMs</i>	Total 2004 Use, FS			<b>147</b>

\*Due to drought conditions this spring, permittee would like to take partial non-use by running less numbers and/or shorter seasons on both the BLM and Forest Service permits.

**Under this year's grazing schedule,** Wilson ranches will run one main herd throughout the entire season, and one yearling herd on Lower PowderHorn for 2 monthes. Most of the main herd will turn out into Carlton field on 4/21, and then will return to private on 5/05. The entire herd will be turned out on 6/1 into the 18 Mile pasture. These cattle will move to Center Field and Powderhorn FS, Upper 10 Mile/Poison for about month each, ending 9/05. Cattle will then move to Ten Mile Field until 10/01. On 11/1 the cows will be moved onto the Winter Field. 82 head of yearlings will go onto BLM Powderhorn from 7/01 to 8/01, then to the Dry & Perk Canyon and Bull Creek units on the Forest 8/02 to 9/01. The Ellsworth Field will be rested.

Use proposed for 2004 is 45% of total permitted use on Forest and 48% of total permitted use on BLM.

## II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

2003 Grazing Schedule by Unit				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates **	Riparian	Uplands
1	Carlton's Field (175 AUMs)	440	4/21-5/4	3" stbbl. Ht.	50%
2	Private		5/5-6/1		
R	Ellsworth Field (125 AUMs)	REST		3" stbbl. Ht.	50%
3	18 Mile (550 AUMs)	440	6/1-7/7	4-5" stbbl. Ht.	50%
4	Center Field (525 AUMs)	440	7/8-8/15	4-5" stbbl. Ht.	45%
5	Powderhorn FS, Upper 10 Mile/Poison	440	8/16-9/5	4-5" stbbl. Ht.	50%
6	BLM Powderhorn	82*	7/1-8/1	BLM=3" stbbl. Ht.	50%
7	Perk & Dry Cyn FS Bull Creek	82*	8/2-9/1	5-6" stubble	50%
8	Ten Mile Field (590 AUMs)	440	9/6-10/1	4-5" stbbl. Ht.	50%
9	Private		10/1-11/1	4-5" stbbl. Ht.	50%
10	Winter Field (1270 AUMs)	440 dry cows	11/1-12/15	4-5" stbbl. Ht.	50%

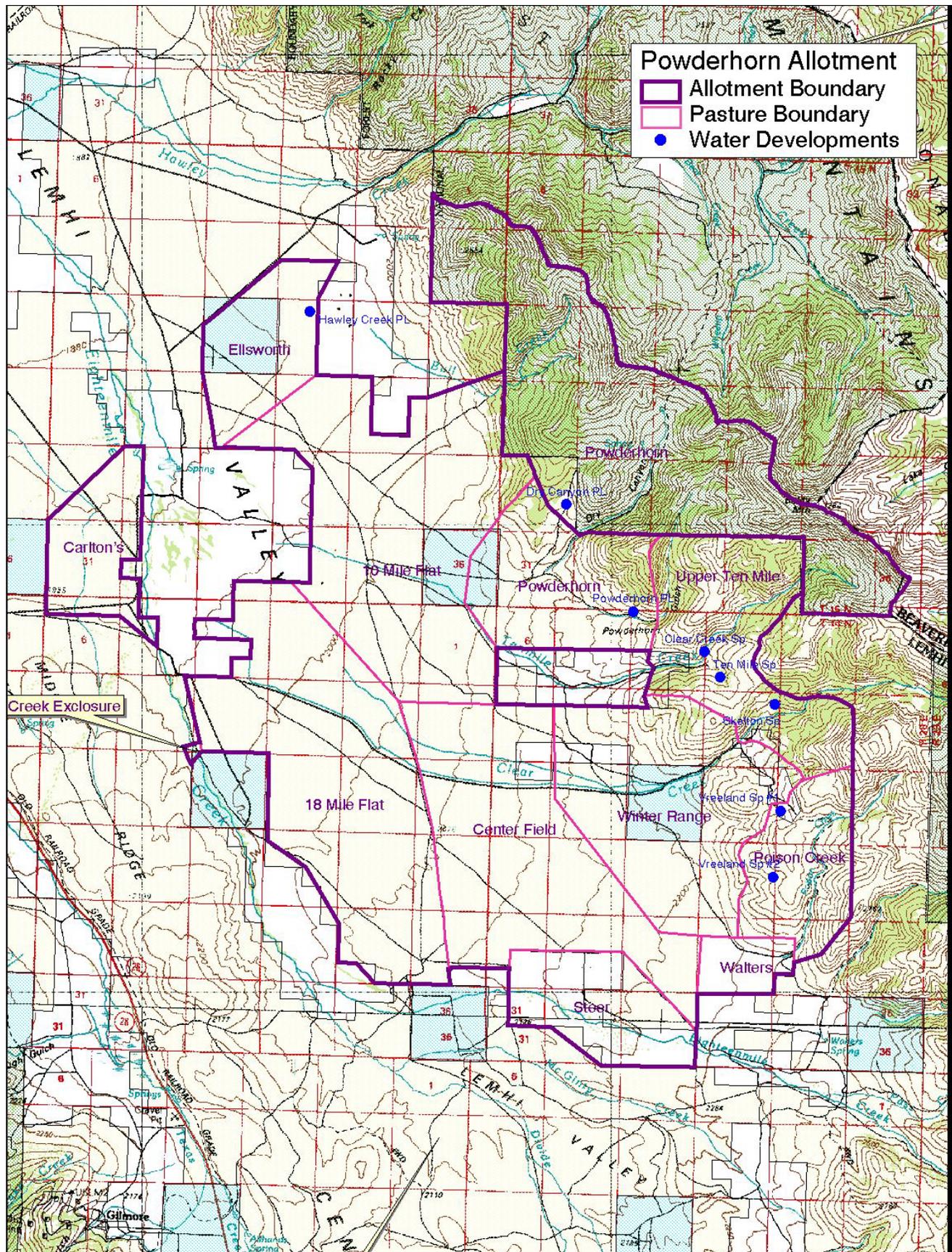
\* 82 head of heifers.

\*\* Turn out and use 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.*

The Steer and Walters pastures are not in the rotation with Forest or BLM.

**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

If Less than 90 percent of the permitted cattle are proposed to run on the allotment in 2004, you are required to request partial non-use, and have it approved by the Line Officer prior to turn-out.

It is your responsibility to ensure that proper distribution of cattle is attained by:

- Maintain water developments to properly functioning condition before cattle enter any of the grazing units.
- Salt will be placed 1/4 mile away from all heavily used trails, roads, water, and all natural concentration areas.
- Riding to herd cattle into unused areas and away from concentration points.
- Monitor herd use to prevent overutilization of stream bottoms and other key areas.

When cattle leave a grazing unit, the pipelines in that unit are to be drained and winterized after use.

The permittee 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.

***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

Permittees are responsible for maintenance of range improvements on the allotments, as listed in their grazing permits. Improvements on the Powderhorn Allotments will be maintained to Forest Service & BLM standards prior to livestock entry into each unit.

#### **Range Improvement Maintenance/Reconstruction Needs**

No.	Name	Target Date	Construction	Materials
4212	Perk Spring (FS)	2004, Survey upper spring for development and trough locals.		
4213	Lower Dry (FS)	2003-4	Permittee	New Trough

New	Perk Creek Enclosure Fence	2004	Survey site	Jack Fence
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**V. BILLING INFORMATION**

Grazing fees for the 2004 grazing season are \$1.43 per Head Month. The Forest Service will be billing for the allotment this year.

A billing for \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC) has been sent separately from your grazing fees for the Forest Service.

**VI. ACTION SUMMARY**

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Water developments in need of repair.	Permittee will maintain as per part three of the grazing permit. A tour will be scheduled ahead of the August on-date into FS & BLM units that need work. The extent of work necessary will be assessed and decided upon at that time.
Livestock getting on or in the wrong pastures or staying too long.	Permittee should check for unit integrity on the 18 Mile field and monitor cattle for brands. FS will assist permittee to check for open gates and cut fences when they are out on the allotment checking for permit compliance.

I have reviewed and accepted these Annual Operating Instructions for the 2004 grazing season. Any changes to these Annual Operating Instructions must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee	Date
Forest Officer /S/ Dennis M. Hilliard	Date 3/18/04