

CAMAS CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2003 grazing season for the Camas Creek C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

**I. Permitted / Authorized Use**

Whitworth Ranches Inc.							
Term Grazing Permit				Authorized Use			
No.*	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
132	6/01	10/15	594	132	6/01	9/20	484

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

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates *	Riparian	Uplands
2	Lower Silver Creek***	88/58	06/01-06/20	6"	4"
	Flourspar	44/30	06/01-06/20	4"	4"
3	West Fork	132/44	06/21-06/30	50%	50%
4	Camas Creek**	132/200	07/01-08/15	4-6"#	4"
3	West Fork	132/22	08/16-08/20	50%	50%
1	Upper Silver Creek	132/65	09/01-09/15	6"	4"
	Rams Creek	132/65	09/06-09/20	4"	\$

\* **These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date.

\*\* Cattle must be removed from the Camas Creek Unit by August 15.

\*\*\* Keep cattle out of the area around the mouth of Silver Creek. Cattle trucked into the allotment should be overnigheted at your corrals at Meyers Cove.

# 6" stubble height in Camas Creek and 4" in Castle Creek, Pole Creek, and Furnace Creek.

**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**

When grazing the Camas Creek Unit, cattle will be put in Furnace Creek first then over Pole Creek and finish in Castle Creek.

If the permittee plans to graze the private land at the Hidden Valley Ranch, the private land will have to be fenced to keep cattle out of Forest Service lands along Camas and White Goat Creek that are not in the Camas Creek 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 equence as described in this plans of use, **please discuss it with us before you do so.**

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, Three days for non-timbered units and five days for timbered units

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 ¼ mile 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, we would appreciate it if you would please let us know what your actual use was for the season. We will mail you an actual use form to fill out after the end of the grazing season. This information is one of the many forms of 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 Camas Creek C&H Allotment will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment or into the first unit.

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

No.	Name	Target Date	Condition
1020	Camas Drift Fence	06/20	Satisfactory
1060	Camas Division Fence	06/20	Good
1061	West Fork Trough	08/15	Good

The above range improvements are physically present on the allotment and have been reviewed and found to be in the above condition by the permittee as attested by his signature at the end of this document.

**NEW CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED IN 2003**

Name	Target Date	By	Maintenance Resp.
Furnace Drift Fence	06/20	FS-materials Permittee-labor	Permittee

**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 2003 grazing season are \$1.35 per Head Month. The Forest Service will be billing for BLM portions of the allotment.

In 2003 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. CONCERNS/ACTION SUMMARY**

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Crossing Camas Creek in high water	Use West Fork until cattle can cross Camas Creek.

I have reviewed and accepted this Annual Operating Plan for the 2003 grazing season. Any changes to this Annual Operating Plan must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Forest Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_