

§ 4300.40

CONDITIONS OF YOUR APPROVED PERMIT

§ 4300.40 How long can I graze reindeer with my permit?

BLM issues permits for a maximum of 10 years, except when you request a shorter term, or when BLM determines that a shorter period is in the public interest. The issued permit will specify the number of years you can graze reindeer.

§ 4300.41 What will the permit say about the number of reindeer and where I can graze them?

(a) The permit will indicate the maximum number of reindeer you can graze on the permit area based on range conditions. BLM can adjust this number if range conditions change, as for example, by natural causes, overgrazing, or fire.

(b) The permit will restrict grazing to a definitely described area which BLM feels is usable and adequate for your needs.

§ 4300.42 If I have existing improvements on the land, will these be allowed in the initial permit?

Yes, any improvements existing on the land will be allowed.

§ 4300.43 What should I do if I want to construct and maintain improvements on the land?

(a) You should file an application (Form 4120-7) with BLM for a permit to do this. A permit will allow you to construct, maintain, and use any fence, building, corral, reservoir, well or other improvement needed for grazing under the grazing permit; and

(b) You must comply with Alaska state law in the construction and maintenance of fences, but any fence must be constructed to permit ingress and egress of miners, mineral prospectors, and other persons entitled to enter the area for lawful purposes.

§ 4300.44 Are there any major restrictions on my grazing permit that I might otherwise think are allowed?

Yes. You must not:

- (a) Enclose roads, trails and highways as to disturb public travel there;
- (b) Interfere with existing communication lines or other improvements;

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(c) Prevent legal hunting, fishing or trapping on the land;

(d) Prevent access by persons, such as miners and mineral prospectors, entitled to lawfully enter; or

(e) Graze reindeer without complying with applicable State and Federal laws on livestock quarantine and sanitation.

§ 4300.45 Must I submit any reports?

Yes. Before April 1 of the second permit year and each year afterwards, you must submit a report in duplicate to BLM which describes your grazing operations during the preceding year. Reports do not have to be on a BLM-approved form nor in a particular format.

CHANGES THAT CAN AFFECT YOUR PERMIT

Other Uses of the Land

§ 4300.50 Are there other uses of the land that may affect my permit?

Yes. The lands described in your grazing permit and the subsurface can be affected by uses that BLM considers more important than grazing. Your permit can be modified or reduced in size or canceled by BLM to allow for:

(a) Protection, development and use of the natural resources, e.g., minerals, timber, and water, under applicable laws and regulations;

(b) Agricultural use;

(c) Applications for and the acquisition of homesites, easements, permits, leases or other rights and uses, or any disposal or withdrawal, under the applicable public land laws; or

(d) Temporary closing of portions of the permitted area to grazing whenever, because of improper handling of reindeer, overgrazing, fire or other cause, BLM judges this necessary to restore the range to its normal condition.

§ 4300.51 Will I be notified if another use, disposal, or withdrawal occurs on the land?

Yes. If there is a settlement, location, entry, disposal, or withdrawal on any lands described in your permit, BLM will notify you and will reduce your permit area by the amount of the area involved.