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Dear Doug and Cheryl,

This letter serves as your 2016 Annual Operating Instructions for the Spud Creek and Marco Creek Cattle and Horse Allotments and is part of your term grazing permit #30065, identified as Forest Officer instructions in Part 1, Clause 3 and Part 2, Clause 8 of the term grazing permit.

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions, such as delayed range readiness, early achievement of allowable use standards, unit rotation changes related to wildfire or other problems, or other management needs. **If changing unit move dates becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with any part of these instructions, contact your Rangeland Management Specialist, Brianna Goehring, to obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. Any extension of use outside the permitted season of use cannot be authorized.**

**Term Permitted Use**

Permittee	Allotment	No. and Class	Season of Use	Head Months
Baker, Doug and Cheryl	Spud-Marco	15 Cow/calf	5/21 – 6/22	15
East Fork Ranches, LLC	Spud-Marco	136 Cow/calf	5/21 – 6/22	136

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) permits an additional fifteen cow/calf pairs for Doug and Cheryl Baker and 136 cow/calf pairs for East Fork Ranches, LLC that are run in common with the cattle that are grazed on the Forest Service because of unfenced Forest Service/BLM boundaries on the Spud Creek and Marco Creek Allotments. The 2016 authorized use and unit schedule shown below show only the Forest Service’s portions of those cattle run in common. For 2016, the BLM also is authorizing the full permitted numbers.

**2016 Authorized Use**

Permittee	Allotment	No. and Class	Season of Use	Head Months
Baker, Doug and Cheryl	Spud-Marco	15 Cow/calf	5/21 – 6/22	15
East Fork Ranches	Spud-Marco	128 Cow/calf	5/21 – 6/22	128



## 2016 Unit Schedule

Unit	No. And Class	On-Date	Off-Date
Woods Basin	143 Cow/calf	5/21	6/22
Joe Jump	143 Cow/calf	5/21	6/22
Marco Creek	Trailing		6/22
Spud Creek	Rest		

Livestock may not enter the allotments prior to May 21, 2016, and all livestock must be off the allotments by June 22, 2016. The Marco Creek Allotment will be used to trail cattle off the allotments and may receive some livestock drift. However, it shall receive no more than incidental use for 2016; livestock that drift into the Marco Creek Allotment must be promptly removed.

### Allowable Use

It is your responsibility to be aware of and to recognize utilization and streambank alteration use indicators (also referred to as allowable use standards). Regardless of the Unit Schedule shown above you must move your livestock to the next unit planned or off the allotment prior to exceeding these standards. Once livestock are removed from a unit in accordance with allowable standards and/or unit scheduling, they are not allowed to return. Use of riparian areas needs to be carefully monitored by you to know when it is time to move livestock to the next unit and to avoid exceeding standards. Do not rely on Forest Service range personnel to notify you when it is time to move.

The table below displays the allowable use standards applicable to your allotment(s):

### Allowable Use Standards

Unit	End of Season Indicators		
	Average Greenline Stubble Height	Woody Browse	Upland Utilization
Woods Basin	≥ 4 inches	≤ 30 <sup>A</sup> or ≤ 50 % <sup>B</sup>	≤ 50%
Joe Jump			
Marco Creek	No measureable use (trailing, incidental use only)		
Spud Creek	Rest		

<sup>A</sup> Single-stemmed species, e.g., aspen

<sup>B</sup> Multi-stemmed species, e.g., willow

### Range Improvements

All maintenance on range improvements, as listed in Part 3 of your term grazing permit, must be maintained to the standards identified in your permit prior to livestock being placed in each unit. If you find you cannot meet these standards this year, please contact your rangeland management specialist as soon as possible. No ground disturbing activities or new construction should be conducted on the Forest by you or any of your personnel, without approval from the District Ranger. Materials for replacement and heavy maintenance **may** be provided by the Forest Service as funding allows. Provision for materials for normal annual maintenance is your responsibility.

### Permittee's Management Responsibilities

1. Turnout of livestock prior to confirmation of payment is a violation of Part 2, Clause 3 of your term grazing permit. The grazing fee for 2016 is \$2.11 per head month. Payment of your grazing Bill for Collection (enclosed) is due ten days prior to your earliest turnout date, to allow time for processing. You may make payment in one of three ways:

Mail your payment to NFC at:  
USDA Forest Service  
C/O Citibank  
P.O. Box 301550  
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1550

You must include the Bill Number and Payer Code number on your check.

Or, pay your bill online at: [WWW.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY](http://WWW.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY). Save your receipt of payment.

Or, pay your bill between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at any Ranger District office or the Public Lands Center. Please bring a copy of your bill with you.

2. Compliance with all terms of your grazing permit is required. These annual operating instructions are not meant to be stand-alone or all inclusive.
3. Consistent with the Noxious Weed Free Hay Order, any hay or straw that is brought onto National Forest System lands needs to be State-certified weed free. I am requesting that you be a pro-active partner in the prevention and inventory of noxious weeds on your allotment and adjacent National Forest System lands. All equipment which is used off of open roads on federal lands (for range improvement maintenance, or other management activities) should be cleaned and free of noxious weeds and their seeds prior to coming onto National Forest System lands. Please share your knowledge of known noxious weed infestations with your range management specialist.
4. Return your completed actual use form (enclosed) to Brianna Goehring by December 1, 2016. Please note on the second page our request for your priority reconstruction needs. The Forest Service will use this record to help allocate range betterment funds, which are used to purchase materials for new improvement projects and improvement reconstruction.
5. If the ownership of livestock, or the base property listed on your permit is about to change, please notify your rangeland management specialist as soon as possible.
6. Riding and herding are necessary to properly distribute livestock. I encourage you to maintain proper distribution of cattle, reduce use in riparian areas, and prevent concentrated use by livestock that could result in portions of your units becoming over-utilized.
7. With multiple-uses on the forest, gates are often left open and cattle stray into the wrong pasture. We realize this is a problem and an inconvenience. However, it is still your responsibility to keep your animals in the proper unit. Cattle found in the wrong units or allotments should be returned immediately to the correct pasture. Routine checks need to be made by you and/or your rider.
8. The Salmon-Challis Travel Management Record of Decision was signed December 24, 2009. With the issuance of this decision, all roads and trails designated for motorized use are shown on a motor vehicle use map (MVUM). Motor vehicle use maps may be obtained at any Salmon-Challis Ranger District office. These prohibitions on motor vehicle use will not apply to motor

vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal law or regulation (as detailed in 36 CFR 261.13; 36 CFR 212.51a). **The Salmon-Challis National Forest requires a Vehicle Use Permit, signed by the District Ranger, for ALL closed roads or off road travel. This permit must be displayed in the windshield of trucks or carried on ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles. Complete and return to me the enclosed Vehicle Use Permit if it is necessary for you to travel on closed roads or off-road in the administration on your allotment(s). I then will approve and return this permit to you for you to carry in your vehicle.**

**Other Considerations**

Please immediately report wildfire to the Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center at (208) 756-5157.

Range inspections may occur several times during the grazing season to check maintenance of range improvements, allowable use standards, and compliance with this year's grazing rotation. You are invited to participate in inspections conducted on the allotment. We will try to contact you a few days in advance to let you know when we will be looking at your allotment.

If you have any questions regarding these annual operating instructions, please contact Brianna Goehring, Range Management Specialist, at (208) 879-4130. We look forward to working with you this grazing season.

Sincerely,

*Riley Rhoades acting for*

KATHERINE WOOD  
District Ranger

Enclosures:

- 2016 Bill for Collection
- Actual Use Report
- Vehicle Use Permit