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Diamond D Ranch
c/o Tom Demorest
PO Box 1555
Boise, ID 83701

Dear Tom,

This letter serves as your 2016 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Loon Creek C&H Allotment and should be considered as an extension of Term Grazing Permit # 60003. Annual Operating Instructions are part of the term grazing permit identified as Forest Officer instructions in Part 1, Clause 3 and Part 2, Clause 8 of the term grazing permit. Prior approval by the District Ranger is required to amend or change these instructions.

Permitted Use

Permittee	No. & Class	Permit Type	Season of Use	Head Months
Diamond D Ranch	40 Horses	Term	06/01 – 10/31	201

Authorized Use for 2016

Allotment	No. and Class	Permit Type	Season of Use	Head Months
Loon Creek	40 Horses	Term	06/01 – 10/31	201

Pasture Rotation 2016

Unit	Number	On-Date	Off-Date
Grouse Creek (Unit #1)	40 Horses	06/01	07/31
Salt Creek (Unit #3)	40 Horses	08/01	10/31
Deer Creek (Unit #2)	Rest	Rest	Rest

The on-dates listed above are only a guide. Actual turn out will be when range readiness occurs. Moving off the allotment must occur before forage utilization standards have been met, and no later than the scheduled off-date.

Utilization Standards

Unit	Indicator	Standard
All	Riparian Greenline	>4" stubble height
	Woody Browse	Multi-stemmed Species (e.g.willows): <50% Single Stemmed Species (e.g.aspen): <30%
	Stream Bank Alteration	<20%



	Upland Forage	< 40%
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Permittee's Management Responsibilities

1. Three days prior to initial livestock turn-out, please inform the authorized officer in charge.
2. It is your responsibility to insure livestock are moved before utilization levels are exceeded. You must notify the Rangeland Management Specialist of this move.
3. Riding and herding are necessary to properly distribute livestock. You must provide a rider throughout the grazing season to maintain proper distribution of horses, reduce use in riparian areas, and prevent concentrated use by livestock that could result in portions of the pasture becoming over-utilized.
4. *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 range personnel to monitor use.
5. Salt should be placed on accessible range at least $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from permanently located watering places, riparian zones, meadows, and other areas where horses naturally congregate. Placement should be in upland areas where additional forage utilization is desired. Salting areas should be moved annually to avoid permanent damage around salting grounds. Do not use the same salting grounds year after year.
6. With multiple-uses on the forest, gates are often left open and horses 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. Horses 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. Notification to your Range Management Specialist of the issues must be made immediately
7. Any carcass or animals remains will be moved at least 100 yards from water, trails, and roads within 24 hours of notification by the Rangeland Management Specialist.
8. Under Special Order # 04-00-097 all hay, straw, or mulch brought onto the forest for the feeding of livestock must be Certified Weed Free.
9. 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.

10. **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 ATV's, UTV's and motorcycles. Contact your Rangeland Management Specialist to obtain a Vehicle Use Permit if it is necessary for you to travel on closed roads or off-road in the administration on your allotment(s). **No moterized travel in the designated wilderness area will be authroized.**

11. *The move-off date is the date you must have all horses off the allotment, not the day to start moving horses off the allotment.*

Range Improvements

Thank you for your efforts in continuing the maintenance/reconstruction of structural improvements on your allotment. Per our meeting this spring, maintenance/reconstruction needs to be completed on the following developments: Castro Fence #660001, Salt Creek Fence #660002, Mayfield Fence 660003#, and Loon Creek Allotment Boundary Fence #660004. **These developments are necessary to control livestock and will need to be fully functional prior to livestock turnout in 2016.**

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 of materials for normal yearly maintenance is your responsibility.

All annual maintenance on assigned improvements must be completed per your Term Grazing Permit. They should be kept to a standard of repair which is functional, safe, and acceptable to the Forest Service. Improvements are listed in your Term Grazing Permit and are shown on the allotment map. Failure to complete necessary maintenance may result in the initiation of permit suspension or cancellation procedures in whole or in part.

Other Considerations

Range inspections may occur several times during the grazing season to check maintenance of range improvements, forage utilization, 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.

Turnout of livestock prior to confirmation of payment is a violation of Part 2, Clause 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. The grazing fees for 2016 are \$2.11 per head month. Payment of your grazing bill is due 10 days prior to your earliest turnout date, to allow time for processing.

You may make payment in any one of three ways: a) mail your payment to NFC at:

USDA Forest Service

C/O Citibank

P.O. Box 301550

Los Angeles, CA 90030-1550

Please include the Bill No. and Payer Code no. on your check. Or, **fees may be paid online** at: WWW.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY. Save your receipt of payment.

Enclosed is a Year-End Grazing Report for you to record Actual Use Data for 2016 and range improvement needs for future grazing seasons. Please record the date and number of livestock turned onto the allotment, the dates livestock are moved to and from each pasture, and the date livestock are removed off the allotment. Accurate records of these dates, maintenance work completed, and future range improvement needs must be returned to our office 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 improvement reconstruction. These reports are also requested annually by United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marines Fisheries Service, so your diligence in accurately completing the forms is appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding this AOI, please contact Barry Dopp, Range Management Specialist, at (208) 879-4100. We look forward to working with you this grazing season.

Sincerely,

William Baer acting for

ELIZABETH TOWNLEY

District Ranger

Enclosures: Actual Use Report
Bill for Collection