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Collean and Lyle Hutchison
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Dear Collean and Lyle,

This letter serves as your 2016 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Lawson Creek Cattle and Horse (C&H) Allotment and is the part of your term grazing permit #20083 identified as Forest Officer instructions in Part 1, Clause 3 and Part 2, Clause 8. This AOI supersedes the Lawson Creek C&H Allotment AOI dated June 3, 2016. This AOI modification incorporates term grazing permit #20089 which authorizes 252 cow/calf pairs on the Lawson Creek C&H Allotment in 2016.

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, Barry Dopp, to obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. Any extension of dates outside the permitted season of use cannot be authorized.**

Term Permitted Use

Permittee	Allotment	No. and Class	Season of Use	Head Months
Judy Madsen	Lawson Creek	33 cow/calf	06/13 – 10/06	126
Lyle and Collean Hutchison	Lawson Creek	42 cow/calf	06/13 – 10/06	160
Piva Pack Operations LLC	Lawson Creek	90 cow/calf	06/13 – 10/06	343
Karen and Sydney Dowton	Lawson Creek	280 cow/calf	06/13 – 10/06	1068
Scott Hayes	Lawson Creek	171 cow/calf	06/13 – 10/06	652

2016 Authorized Use

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Karen and Sydney Dowton	Lawson Creek	252 cow/calf	06/15 – 10/06	961
Scott Hayes	Lawson Creek	Non-use		

2016 Unit Schedule

The dates below are approximate and depend on meeting allowable use standards. Initiate livestock movement so that all livestock are completely off the Forest no later than **October 6, 2016**.



Unit	No. And Class	On-Date	Off-Date
South Fork/Dodge Basin	417	06/13	08/19
North Fork/Gerry Gulch	417	08/20	10/06
Leaton Gulch/White Hills	Rest	Rest	Rest

Allowable Use

It is your responsibility to be aware of, and to recognize, utilization and streambank alteration 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. Part 3 of your term grazing permit identifies these allowable use standards; see the table below for standards applicable to this year. 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.

Allowable Use Standards

Allotment	Unit	Indicator	Standard
Lawson Creek	All Units	Greenline	≥ 4 inches
		Bank Alteration	$\leq 20\%$
		Woody Browse	$\leq 30^A$ or 50^B
		Upland Grazing	$\leq 50\%$

^ASingle-stemmed species, e.g., aspen

^BMulti-stemmed species, e.g., willow

Range Improvements

All range improvements listed as your responsibility in Part 3 of your term grazing permit must be maintained to the standards identified in Part 3 prior to livestock being placed in each unit. No ground disturbing activities or new construction should be conducted on the Forest by you or any of your personnel without prior approval from the District Ranger. Materials for reconstruction may be provided by the Forest Service as funding allows. Provision of materials for normal annual maintenance is your responsibility.

- A few rails will need to be replaced on a 200 ft. section of jack fence, which is part of the unit boundary fence #220297 in the White Hills. The permittees and FS range staff will visit this fence site prior to turn out of livestock to look at the feasibility of replacing the jack fence with a wire let-down fence.
- There is no new construction scheduled in 2016. All range improvements will need to be inspected and general maintenance completed prior to livestock being placed in each unit.
- All the new and existing troughs will need to have new wildlife escape ramps that prevent wildlife from swimming underneath them. The new ramps have access from 180 degrees, not just in front at 90 degrees.

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:

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. 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 located in Salmon. Please bring a copy of your bill with you.

2. 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 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.**
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 of noxious weeds on your allotment. All equipment which is used off of open roads for range improvement maintenance or other management activities should be free of noxious weeds and their seeds prior to coming onto National Forest System lands.
4. Return your completed actual use form (enclosed) to your rangeland management specialist by December 1, 2016. Please note on the second page our request for your priority reconstruction needs. We 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 the livestock or the base property listed on your permit is about to change, please notify your rangeland management specialist promptly.
6. Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water, roads, and trails.
7. Place salt at least ¼ mile from any water source and in areas that encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range.

8. With multiple-uses on the Forest, gates are often left open and livestock stray into the wrong unit. We realize this is a problem and an inconvenience. However, it is still your responsibility to keep your animals in the proper unit. Livestock found in the wrong units or allotments should be returned immediately to the correct unit. Routine checks need to be made by you and/or your rider.
9. Compliance with all terms of your grazing permit is required. These annual operating instructions are not meant to be stand-alone or all inclusive.

Other Considerations

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

We may conduct range inspections during the grazing season to check maintenance of range improvements, allowable use standards, and compliance with this year's grazing rotation. You are welcome to participate in these inspections; please contact your rangeland management specialist if you would like to join Forest range staff when monitoring is conducted on your allotment.

Please share your knowledge of known noxious weed infestations with your rangeland management specialist.

Sage grouse habitat assessments may be conducted on your allotments in 2016. These assessments will identify site potential, verify habitat, and evaluate current conditions relative to implementing the 2015 Greater Sage-grouse Record of Decision. We will be contacting you to invite you to participate in these field assessments.

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

Sincerely,

John J. Rose acting for

KATHERINE WOOD
District Ranger