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Dear Don,

The following letter will document your meeting with Tina Ruffing (FS) Mark Bonner (BLM), Randy Goodell, and Dan French on April 19th 2016 on the Hot Springs Allotment, and the June 9, 2016 you had with Tina. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the Hot Springs, Tenmile and Twelvemile Allotments for the 2016 grazing season. AOIs 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.

Permitted Use

| Allotment | Permittee | No/Class | HMs | Season of Use |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|-----|---------------|
| Hot Springs C&H | V. Don Olson | 96 c/c | 142 | 6/01-7/15 |
| Tenmile C&H | V. Don Olson | 47 c/c | 70 | 6/01-7/15 |
| Twelvemile C&H | V. Don Olson | 150 c/c | 345 | 7/16-9/23 |

2016 Authorized Use

| Allotment | Permittee | No/Class | HMs | Season of Use |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|-----|---------------|
| Hot Springs C&H | V. Don Olson | 96 c/c | 142 | 6/01-7/15 |
| Hot Springs C&H | Dan French | 8 c/c | 8 | 6/15-7/15 |
| Hot Springs C&H | Randy Goodell | 13 c/c | 19 | 6/01-7/15 |
| Tenmile C&H | V. Don Olson | 47 c/c | 70 | 6/01-7/15 |
| Twelvemile C&H | V. Don Olson | 150 c/c | 345 | 7/16-9/23 |

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions, such as delayed range readiness, early achievement of proper 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, Tina Ruffing, to obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.** Any extension of use outside the permitted dates cannot be authorized.

Unit Schedules (dates are approximate and depend on meeting forage use standards)

| Allotment | Unit | No/Class | HMs | Season of Use |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|-----|---------------|
| Hot Springs C&H | Reservoir (BLM) | 47 c/c | 34 | 6/25-7/16 |
| | Hot Springs (BLM) | 8 c/c | 9 | 6/25-7/16 |
| | Sevenmile (FS & BLM)* | 13 c/c | 45 | 6/25-7/16 |
| Tenmile | Tenmile/Elevenmile | 47 c/c | 70 | 6/01-7/15 |

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|------------|------------------------|---------|--|----------|
| Twelvemile | Twelvemile Bottoms | 150 c/c | | 7/16-8/8 |
| | Twelvemile & Porcupine | 150 c/c | | 8/9-8/31 |
| | Twelvemile Meadows | 150 c/c | | 9/1-9/23 |

***ALL** permittees will enter the Forest Sevenmile unit on the Hot Springs Allotment in the same location when leaving the adjoining BLM allotment. This will facilitate even distribution and use.

Allowable Use

It is your responsibility to be aware and recognize utilization and alteration use indicators (sometimes called use standards). Watch the results on the land and make plans to move your livestock in time to not exceed these indicators. 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 indicators. If you need assistance determining use levels please contact Tina and she will assist you.

Once cattle are removed from a unit in accordance with use indicators and/or unit scheduling, they are not allowed to return. Please ensure that you clean all livestock from each unit as you move livestock to the next unit or as you remove them from the allotment.

The following annual use indicators identify proper use criteria that apply to the Hot Springs, Tenmile and Twelvemile allotments. Permittees will evaluate the use indicators using the triggers to plan livestock movement to ensure that the proper use criteria are met.

| Allotment | DMA Name, Number | Monitoring Attribute | Use Indicator | Key Species | Trigger |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Twelvemile | Twelvemile Bottoms | Browse use | 50% | Willow | 45% |
| | | | 30% | Alder | 25% |
| | Twelvemile Creek MIM 234 | Greenline stubble | 4 in. | Hydric spp. | 5 in. |
| | | Bank alteration | 20% | n/a | 15% |
| Hot Springs Tenmile Twelvemile | Riparian sites (other than DMAs) | Use on current year's growth of key riparian species | | | maximum 50% |
| | Upland sites | Use on current year's growth of key herbaceous species | | | maximum 50% |

The Forest Service may monitor your compliance with allowable use standards. Monitoring typically occurs within two weeks of your move. Please contact Tina if you would like to join range staff when monitoring is conducted on your allotments.

Biological Assessment/Letter of Concurrence requirements

The Twelvemile C&H Allotment has been issued Letters of Concurrence from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for ESA listed fish. The following measures are outlined in the BA and will be implemented on the Twelvemile Allotment:

1. A rest rotation grazing system will be used by resting the Twelvemile Meadows Unit in alternate years
2. The on date may vary so that livestock will be placed on the allotment at range readiness.
3. Permittees will continue to salt at least ¼ mile away from streams, and in areas that encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range.

4. Permittees will distribute livestock away from streams and associated riparian areas (ride) at least once every two weeks.

Range Improvements

Range improvements listed in Part 3 of your grazing permit must be maintained to the standards in Part 3 of your grazing permit, prior to livestock being placed in the unit. If you find you cannot meet these standards this year please contact your Rangeland Management Specialist, Tina Ruffing as soon as possible.

During the meeting, the condition of Sevenmile Spring water development (#5345) was discussed. You indicated that you would like a saw crew to drop the any of the standing snags in the area that could reach the fence before it is replaced. There is quite a bit of work that needs to be done on the spring, but doing it before the trees are removed would not be beneficial.

A water development that was visited by Dan French and Jay Winfield a few years ago was also discussed. Dan indicated that the development had been burned in the fire; a new trough and about 2 rolls of pipe were needed to make the development functional. Tina indicated that she would discuss the development with Jay and Ingrid to determine what work needed to be done or if materials had been ordered for the spring.

As Tina discussed with Shawn last fall, you are authorized to cut dead trees that are used as posts in the fenceline between the Porcupine Springs and Twelvemile Meadow Units. When the dead trees fall, wires are often broken and issues with livestock control result. By cutting the standing dead trees, the potential for them to blow over in a windstorm is reduced. Be sure to cut dead trees only.

The ID team plans to visit the proposed water development locations in Twelvemile Meadows and along the spur road in the Porcupine Unit that Shawn and Tina looked at last fall to aid them in completing environmental analysis. The field visit is scheduled for June 29; please contact Tina if you are interested in attending. It is anticipated that analysis will be completed this winter and the water developments can be installed in the summer of 2017.

General Management

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. **Turnout of livestock prior to confirmation of payment is a violation of Part 2, Clause 3 of your Term Grazing Permit.** You may make payment in any one of three ways:

1. 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.

2. pay online at: WWW.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY. Save your receipt of payment.
3. pay at any Ranger District Office or the Public Lands Center during regular office hours. Please bring a copy of your bill with you.

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 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).**

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.

Return your completed actual use form (attached) to Tina Ruffing within 30 days after your latest authorized off date. Filling it out as the summer progresses may help with completion.

You are required to meet all criteria that qualifies you to hold a term grazing permit throughout the term of the permit. If you plan on making changes in the ownership of livestock, or the base property listed on your permit; or plan on waiving all, or part, of your term permit in preference to another party based on the sale of base property and/or permitted livestock, notify me in writing prior to making these changes or selling your base property or permitted livestock.

Compliance with all other terms of your grazing permit is required. These instructions are not meant to be stand-alone or all inclusive.

As a reminder, dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water, roads, and trails.

Place salt at least ¼ mile from any water source and in areas that encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range.

Other Information/Non-Binding Requests

Because there is sage grouse habitat on the Hot Springs Allotment, you may be receiving under separate letter an outline of our planned work this year that would help prepare us to implement the Sage Grouse Forest Plan Amendment in 2017 or at the latest prior to the 2018 grazing season. And, as per the Forest Supervisor's promise earlier this year, you will receive phone notification prior to any habitat survey work on your allotment.

Invasive weeds are becoming a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance in identifying weed locations on your allotment is appreciated.

The number for reporting a wild fire is: Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center (208) 756-5157.

If you have any questions regarding any of these instructions please call Tina Ruffing at (208) 756-5226 or myself at (208) 756-5247.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jay T. Winfield

JAY WINFIELD
District Ranger

Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Forms (blank)