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Hatch, Parker
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 Ellis, ID 83235

Dear Parker,

This letter serves as your 2016 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Little Morgan Creek Cattle and Horse (C&H) Allotment and is part of your term grazing permit #20076, identified as Forest Officer instructions in Part 1, Clause 3 and Part 2, Clause 8.

You received a Notice of Non-Compliance, dated May 18, 2015. The following actions are required of you to accomplish throughout the 2015 and 2016 grazing seasons to remedy the 2014 non-compliance:

- Meet all use standards, including those for greenline stubble height, bank alteration, and woody browse use. Move livestock to the next unit or off the allotment prior to exceeding any use standard.

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 use outside the permitted season of use cannot be authorized.**

Term Permitted Use

Permittee	Allotment	No. and Class	Season of Use	Head Months
Hatch, Ruth and Ralph	Little Morgan Creek	115 Cow/calf	06/16 – 09/09	325

2016 Authorized Use

Permittee	Allotment	No. and Class	Season of Use	Head Months
Hatch, Ruth and Ralph	Little Morgan Creek	90 Yearlings	06/16 – 09/09	254



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 September 9, 2016.

Unit	No. And Class	On-Date	Off-Date
Fred & Mary	90 Yearling	06/16	07/31
Poison Basin	90 Yearling	08/01	09/09
Fred & Mary	90 Yearling	Trailing	09/09

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:

Allowable Use Standards

Unit	End of Season Indicators			
	Average Greenline Stubble Height	Streambank Alteration	Woody Browse	Upland Utilization
Fred & Mary	≥6 inches	≤15%	≤30%	≤50%
Poison Basin				

Biological Assessment/Opinion Requirements

The 2015 Biological Assessment for the Little Morgan Creek C&H Allotment outlined the following additional measures to be implemented to avoid and reduce potential impacts to ESA listed fish and their habitat.

1. One rider will be required to be on the Little Morgan Creek Allotment five days per week. This rider will help ensure that livestock are managed in accordance with the prescribed grazing system, which will help ensure that grazing impacts to Bull Trout and Bull Trout habitat are minimized.
2. Livestock grazing will not be authorized in the Poison Basin Unit after August 15 for more than four years in any six year period which, will reduce the potential for livestock to trample Bull Trout redds in that unit.

3. Livestock grazing will not be authorized in the Fred and Mary Unit after August 15 for more than two years in any six year period, which will reduce the potential for livestock to trample Bull Trout redds in that unit.
4. The bank alteration indicator in the Fred and Mary and Poison Basin units has been reduced from 20% to 15%.
5. The stubble height indicator in the Poison Basin Unit will continue at 6 inches.
6. The woody browse indicator will continue at 30% in both units.
7. A deferred grazing system is being implemented on the allotment so that the Poison Basin Unit will not be grazed at the same time every year.

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 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.

- No new construction 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 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. 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. 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 Barry Dopp 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 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from any water source and in areas that encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range.
8. Provide a full-time rider on the allotment throughout the grazing season.
9. 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.
10. 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 Barry Dopp if you would like to join the range staff when range inspections are being conducted on your allotment.

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

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

Sincerely,

Katherine Wood

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District Ranger

Enclosures: Actual Use Report
 2016 Bill for Collection
 Vehicle Use Permit