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Clay A. Jones
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Challis, ID 83226

Dear Clay,

The following letter will document your meeting with Tina Ruffing and Wayne Baker on May 4th, 2016 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the Forney C&H Allotment 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
Forney C&H	Clay A. Jones	134 c/c	670	06/01-10/30

2016 Authorized Use

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Forney C&H	Clay A. Jones	134 c/c	670	06/01-10/30
	East Fork Ranches LLC	132 c/c	660	06/01-10/30

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)

Unit	No/Class	HMs	Season of Use
Moyer Creek/East Side Panther	266 c/c	796	6/1-8/30
West Side Panther (Weaning)	266 c/c	79	9/1-9/9
East Side Panther	266 c/c	192	9/10-10/1
West Side Panther	266 c/c	262	10/1-10/30
Holding Pasture	N/A	N/A	Rest
Riparian Pasture (Not Grazed)	N/A	N/A	Rest

Although you requested to use the West Side Panther Creek unit first again this year, this change in rotation is not authorized. While I understand that using the West Side Panther Creek Unit after weaning presents some management challenges, this deviation from the Biological Opinion in a non-emergency situation is not a change I am willing to entertain.

You also discussed that if possible, you would like to use the Holding Pasture the last few days of September to gather cattle into when you were coming home. The limitations outlined in the BO were discussed, and all agreed that it would be best to wait until closer to the end of the season and see how many redds were present before deciding if this unit would be used.

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 Forney Allotment. Permittees will evaluate the use indicators using the triggers to plan livestock movement to ensure that the proper use criteria are met.

DMA Name, Number	Monitoring Attribute	Use Indicator	Key Species	Trigger
Moyer Moyer Creek MIM 213 RE	Browse Use	50%	Willow	45%
	Greenline Stubble	4 in.	<i>Hydric spp.</i>	5 in.
	Bank Alteration	15%	N/A	10%
Moyer Moyer Creek MIM 213	Browse Use	50%	Willow	45%
	Greenline Stubble	4 in.	<i>Hydric spp.</i>	5 in.
	Bank Alteration	20%	N/A	15%
Riparian Pasture Panther Creek MIM 217	Browse Use	N/A	N/A	Not Grazed
	Greenline Stubble	N/A	N/A	
	Bank Alteration	N/A	N/A	
Westside Unit 4 th of July MIM 231	Browse Use	50%	Willow	45%
	Greenline Stubble	4 in.	<i>Hydric spp.</i>	5 in.
	Bank Alteration	15%	NA	10%
Westside Unit Porphyry Creek MIM 221	Browse Use	50%	Willow	45%
	Greenline Stubble	4 in.	<i>Hydric spp.</i>	5 in.
	Bank Alteration	10%	N/A	5%
Holding Pasture Panther Creek	Browse Use	50%	Willow	45%
	Greenline Stubble	6 in.	<i>Hydric spp.</i>	5 in.
	Bank Alteration	20%		15%
Riparian Sites (other than DMAs)	Use on current year's growth of key riparian species		maximum 50% use	
Upland Sites	Use on current year's growth of key herbaceous species		maximum 50% use	

Biological Assessment and Opinion Requirements

The Biological Opinion for the Forney Allotment laid out the following measures to be implemented to avoid and reduce potential impacts to ESA listed fish. The measures are as follows:

1. A deferred-rest rotation grazing system will continue to be used.
2. The on date will be varied 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.
4. Permittees will continue to distribute livestock away from streams and associated riparian areas. When cattle are grazing along Moyer Creek prior to July 15 or along Musgrove, Moyer or Porphyry Creeks after August 21, riding will occur at least twice per week.
5. Riders will take all practicable measures to keep cattle on established ford crossings during trailing operations between units and off the allotment. A map of these crossings is included on the last page of this AOI. A larger version can also be found in your term grazing permit.

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, you and Wayne discussed with Tina that you would like to look at options for a permanent corral location within the Forney allotment. Tina indicated that she thought it was a good idea, but environmental analysis would need to be completed before they could be constructed. It was agreed that a site for a permanent corral would try to be located this summer.

You also discussed the water developments in the East Side Panther Creek Unit that were approved last fall for reconstruction. It was agreed that the poles at Cobalt and Moyer would be available for use; Tina indicated that she would have Deb Shiner, who coordinated with you last fall on these improvements, touch base with you again and ensure that all of the needed materials were available. You requested a key to the boneyard at Cobalt so you could pick up poles; Tina indicated that she would see if a key could be authorized. Since that time, Deb has talked with you about having someone available any time you needed access to the boneyard to get poles. A key will not be issued to you for that reason. You also discussed the need for gravel when working on these troughs to form a pad to place troughs on; Tina indicated that she would look into possible sources and get back to you.

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 of your 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

During your meeting, you indicated that Cliff Palmer would be riding the allotment for you and requested that he also be sent a copy of the AOI. You also indicated that any issues with livestock management should be directed to Cliff first and then to you.

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.

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.

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.

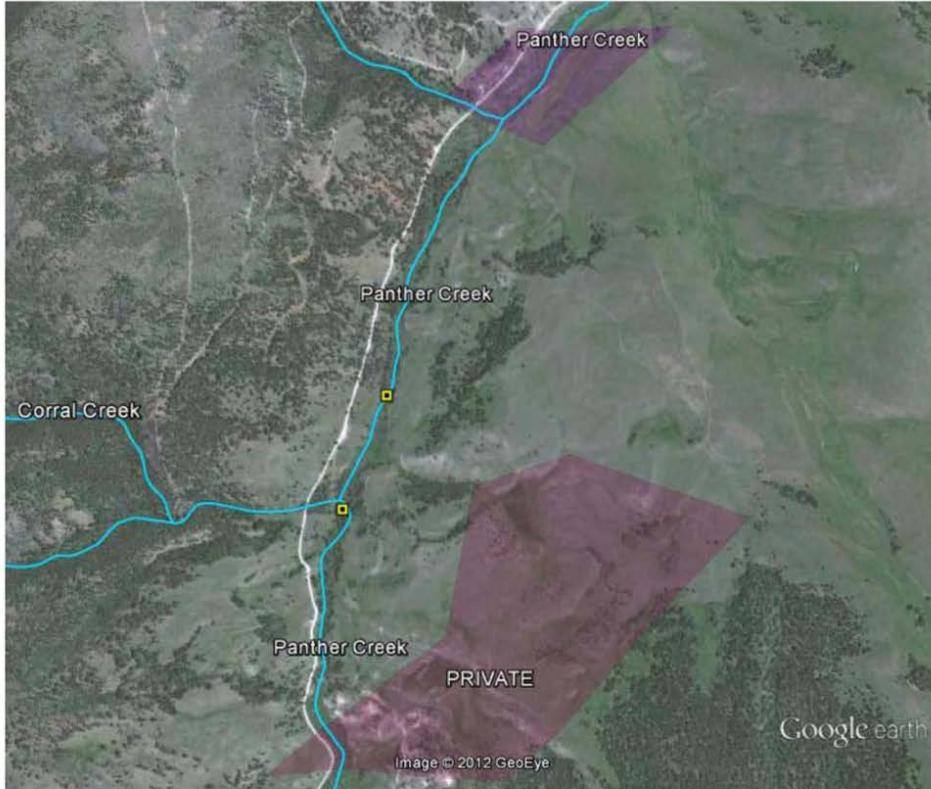
Sincerely,

/s/ Jay T. Winfield

Jay Winfield
District Ranger

Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Forms (blank)

FIGURE 2A - FORNEY ALLOTMENT DESIGNATED PANTHER CREEK STREAM CROSSINGS



TWO OF THREE CROSSINGS DISPLAYED. THIRD CROSSING IS UPSTREAM OF THE PRIVATE PARCEL.