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Dear Paul and Sally,

The following letter documents the meeting you had with Tina Ruffing, and Dale and Laura Edwards on May 3rd, 2016. This letter will also serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Williams Basin–Napias Creek 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	Number/Class	H.M.	Dates
Williams Basin-Napias Creek	265 c/c	1237	6/11-10/30

2016 Authorized Use

Permittee	Number/Class	H.M.	Dates
Paul and Sally Edwards	265 c/c	1237	6/11-10/30
Dale and/or Laura Edwards	265 c/c	1237	6/11-10/30
Cole Ranch Properties L.L.C.	138 c/c	644	6/11-10/30

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	Number/Class	H.M.	Dates
Spring Creek/Williams	668 c/c	878	6/11-7/20
Phelan & Deep Creek	668 c/c	1757	7/21-10/08
Spring Creek/Williams	668 c/c	483	10/09-10/30

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 Williams-Napias allotment. Permittees will evaluate the use indicators using the triggers to plan livestock movement to ensure that the proper use criteria are met.

Unit	Location	Monitoring Attribute	Use Indicator
Spring Creek and Williams	Riparian Sites	Use on current year's growth of key riparian species	minimum 4 in
	Upland Sites	Use on current year's growth of key herbaceous species	minimum 3-4 in
Phelan Creek	Riparian Sites	Use on current year's growth of key riparian species	minimum 5 in
	Upland Sites	Use on current year's growth of key herbaceous species	minimum 4 in
Deep Creek	Riparian Sites	Use on current year's growth of key riparian species	minimum 6 in
	Upland Sites	Use on current year's growth of key herbaceous species	minimum 4 in

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.

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.

It was pointed out during the meeting that there had been discussions with previous range specialists regarding water developments and those that were no longer functioning would be removed from your permit. Tina indicated that she would review the files and determine if there were any records that documented such conversations; Laura indicated she would do the same. It was discussed that if documentation could not be found, the water developments would be reviewed, and if they were no longer functioning, they would be removed from your permit with a permit modification. Laura called later in the week and indicated that she had found no such documentation in her files; Tina was also unable to find any documentation stating such.

Tina also discussed that an interdisciplinary team would be in Moccasin Creek to look at the proposed location for the enclosure across from the existing Cutler Enclosure. It is hoped that

environmental analysis can be completed on this proposed fence this winter so that it can be installed in 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 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

Tina discussed with you that there is a small portion of sage grouse habitat in the Spring Creek unit of the allotment. She provided a map that showed the habitat and also handouts that outlined standards, guides, objectives and required design features from the Record of Decision (ROD) and Forest Plan Amendment. She discussed the guidelines that would apply to the summer/early fall habitat on your allotment and indicated that there would be crews assessing habitat over the next two summers to determine if it was capable of meeting the guidelines outlined in the ROD.

You discussed with Tina that you are very concerned about the identified sage grouse habitat as it is right behind your ranch and located where your cattle leave and return to your ranch. You were also informed by the Local Working Group that you did not have sage grouse habitat on your allotment. Tina explained how the habitat was identified and indicated that crews would be contacting you to look at the identified habitat on your 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.

The unit boundary change between the Phelan and Deep Creek units was reviewed as mapped in GIS. All agreed that the current location was acceptable and made more sense than the previous boundary which was Moccasin Creek.

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

District Ranger

Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Forms (blank)
Vehicle Use Permit