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Beyeler Ranches, LLC
c/o Merrill Beyeler
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Leadore ID 83464

Dear Merrill,

The following letter will document your meeting with Tina Ruffing, Clayton Marxer, Diane Schuldt, Katie Baumann, Kyra Povirk, Steve Johnson, and Doug Beyeler on April 14th, 2016 will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the South Hayden and Swan Basin 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
South Hayden	Beyeler Ranches LLC	232 c/c	366	7/1-8/17
		280 c/c	NTE 698 H.M.	5/1-11/30
Swan Basin	Beyeler Ranches LLC	245 c/c	862	6/16-9/30
	Leadore Land Partners	90 yearlings	317	6/16-9/30
	Steve Johnson	100 c/c	352	6/16-9/30

2016 Authorized Use

Allotment	Permittee	No/Class	HMs	Season of Use
South Hayden	Beyeler Ranches LLC	180 c/c	266	7/19-9/1
Swan Basin	Beyeler Ranches LLC	245 c/c	628	6/16-9/1
	Leadore Land Partners	90 yearlings	231	6/16-9/1
	Steve Johnson	100 c/c	256	6/16-9/1

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, Ingrid Fulstone, to obtain approval <u>before</u> 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
South Hayden	Meadow Mountain	180 c/c	107	7/19-8/5
	Little Sawmill	180 c/c	160	8/6-9/1
	Mill Creek	N/A	N/A	REST
	Zeph Creek	N/A	N/A	REST
Swan Basin	Chandler Springs	345 c/c 90 yearlings	300	6/16-6/26
	Lower Grove	345 c/c 90 yearlings	157	6/27-7/22
	Middle Fork	345 c/c 90 yearlings	215	7/8-7/22
	Upper Grove	345 c/c 90 yearlings	243	7/23-8/8
	Upper Timber	345 c/c 90 yearlings	215	8/9-8/23
	Riparian Pasture	345 c/c 90 yearlings	72	8/24-8-28
	Lower Timber	N/A	N/A	REST

<u>Allowable Use</u>

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 Ingrid 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 use standards apply to your allotments:

Allotment	DMA Name, Number	Monitoring Attribute	Use Indicator	Key Species	Trigger
Swan Basin	Lower Timber Big Timber Creek MIM 250	Browse use	50%	Willow	45%
		Greenline stubble	4 in.	Hydric spp.	5 in.
		Bank Alteration	20%	N/A	15%
	Upper Timber Big Timber Creek MIM 251	Browse use	50%	Willow	45%
		Greenline stubble	4 in.	Hydric spp.	5 in.
		Bank Alteration	10%	N/A	10%
South Hayden	Mill Creek Alder Creek MIM 264	Browse use	50% 30%	Willow Alder	45% 25%
		Greenline stubble	4 in.	Hydric spp.	5 in.
		Bank alteration	20%	N/A	15%
	Mill Creek Jack Smith Gulch MIM 265	Browse use	25%	Aspen/Alder	20%
		Greenline stubble	5 in.	Hydric spp.	6 in.
		Bank alteration	10%	N/A	10%

South Hayden	Riparian Sites (other than DMAs)	Use on current year's growth of key riparian species	maximum 45%
Swan Basin	Riparian Sites (other than DMAs)	Use on current year's growth of key riparian species	maximum 50%
South Hayden & Swan Basin	Upland Sites	Use on current year's growth of key herbaceous species	maximum 50%

Biological Assessment and Opinion Requirements

The Biological Opinion for the Swan Basin 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 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.
3. Permittees will continue to salt at least ¼ mile away from creeks, and in areas that encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range.
4. Permittees will continue to 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, Ingrid Fulstone as soon as possible.

In South Hayden allotment you mentioned a need to reconstruct a corner above Hayden Creek; please contact Ingrid, Clayton or Deb to request materials and arrange for pickup.

Last year we had the fire crew remove trees along a portion of the fence between Apple Creek and Little Sawmill. You mentioned the need for additional trees to be removed. Ingrid has arranged for the fire crew to work on this as they have time throughout the summer. Depending on the severity of the fire season, this may take more than one summer to complete.

Please schedule a field visit with Ingrid to explore the options for additional water in the Lower Timber unit.

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 Ingrid Fulstone 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

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 Ingrid 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 Ingrid Fulstone at (208) 768-2516 or myself at (208) 756-5247.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jay T. Winfield
Jay Winfield
District Ranger

Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Forms (blank)