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Dear Roy, Sharon, and Kevin,

On June 27, 2016, Kevin contacted Tina to discuss an error in the AOI that you had received the week before. Kevin indicated that the unit schedule was incorrect; it reflected a rotation that you hoped to implement in the future after discussions are held with the BLM. Tina indicated that she had misunderstood the conversation at the meeting and confirmed with you the schedule indicated below.

The following letter documents that conversation as well as your meeting with Tina Ruffing on April 21, 2016. It will serve as your **AMENDED** Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the South Fork of Williams 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	No/Class	HMs	Season of Use
South Fork Williams Creek	180 c/c	722	6/16-10/15

2016 Authorized Use and Unit Schedule (dates are approximate and depend on meeting forage use standards)

Allotment	Unit	No/Class	HMs	Season of Use
South Fork Williams Creek	Heifer Pasture	180 c/c	118	6/16-7/5
	Henry Creek	180 c/c	272	7/6-8/20
	South Fork Unit	180 c/c	272	8/21-10/5
	Powderhouse	N/A	N/A	Rest

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.

During the meeting, you discussed that you would be interested in resting the Heifer Pasture once every 4 to 5 years. This pasture is typically grazed at the same time every year and you felt that a year of rest would be beneficial. You discussed that you could turn into Henry Creek after

July 1, which would allow the poison in that unit to dry out before cattle got there. You discussed that you would propose to increase livestock numbers authorized to use all of your available head-months. It was agreed that this would be attempted this season to see if the rotation would work.

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 South Fork Williams Creek 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
South Fork and Powderhouse South Fork Williams MIM 309	Browse Use	50% 30%	Willow Alder	45% 25%
	Greenline stubble	4 in.	Hydric spp.	5 in.
Heifer Pasture South Fork Williams	Browse Use	50% 30%	Willow Alder	45% 25%
	Greenline stubble	4 in.	Hydric spp.	5 in.
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 and Opinion Requirements

The Biological Opinion for the South Fork of Williams Allotment outlined 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 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 (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, it was discussed that the allotment division fence between Lake Creek and South Fork of Williams Allotments as well as the allotment division fence on the Ridge Road is in poor condition. It was discussed that permittees on neighboring allotments may not be doing their maintenance on the fences. Tina indicated that she would look into these fences and the maintenance issues.

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).**

During the meeting, Tina discussed with you the work that had been done within units of the Williams Aspen Restoration Project in 2015. She indicated that there was funding for 2016 and

that work would likely continue in Units 7 and 8. Tina also indicated that Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) may also have some additional funding available in 2016, but also stated you would be informed of any additional units to be treated prior to work beginning. You indicated that you are still very opposed to the project as you feel that the Forest Service and the IDFG has not been forthright with you on the project.

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 the meeting, you inquired about the bicycle trails on your allotment and whether or not tree cutting to clear trails and construction of primitive bridges was authorized. Tina indicated that she would check into it.

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 T. WINFIELD
District Ranger