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Date: April 29, 2016

Steve Lucas
Lucas Livestock 7HL Ranch, LLC
3300 W Feedlot Rd
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Dear Steve,

The following letter will document your meeting with Boyd Hatch, on April 25, 2016 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2016 summer grazing season. The District Ranger must approve any changes to this AOI.

The grazing system on this allotment is rest and a deferred rotation. Utilization sets the criteria on moving your livestock, the scheduled dates of use are flexible. If utilization levels are about to be reached prior to these dates, livestock need to be moved to the next unit or off the Forest to keep from exceeding utilization. The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

BUTTERMILK C&H

PERMITTED USE

Permittee	Class	Number	Season
Lucas Livestock	c/c	563	5/22 - 9/30
Vacant (Partial Fill with Peter and Kathi Marvel)	c/c	1098 (200)	5/22 - 9/30

AUTHORIZED USE

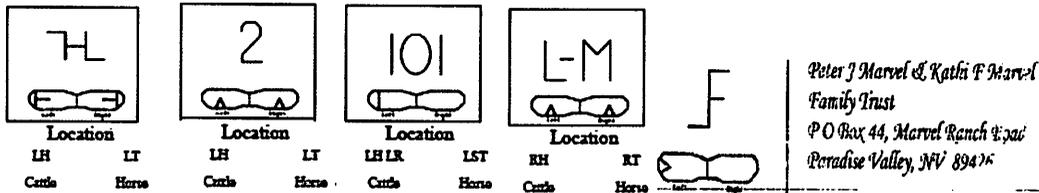
Permittee	Class	Number	Season
Lucas Livestock	c/c	550	5/22 - 9/30
*Lucas Livestock	Yearlings	80	5/22 - 9/30
Marvel	c/c	200	5/22 - 9/30

*Lucas livestock is authorized to run 67 yearlings on the vacant permit numbers.

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AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class and #'s	Season
Spring City	C/C & yearlings 630	5/22 – 6/15
Spring City	C/C & yearlings 830	6/5 – 6/15
Black Ridge	C/C & yearlings 830	6/16 – 7/30
Buttermilk	C/C & yearlings 830	8/1 – 9/30
Lye Creek	Rest	
Buttermilk Meadows	No Livestock Will Be Authorized	



Permitted Livestock Brands:**COMPLIANCE:**

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). The scheduled dates of use are flexible but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made in the below dates. Other situations may develop during the grazing season which requires changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

Invasive weeds are becoming a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance is needed to identify new outbreaks of weed populations and to prevent the establishment of weeds on the forest. Pay particular attention to areas where stock are concentrated such as loading/unloading areas, water developments, and salting areas. We have implemented a Noxious Weed Free Hay order on the forest. This will require any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free from noxious weeds. All livestock entering the National Forest are recommended to be fed Certified Noxious Weed Free Forage for at least 2 days prior to entering the Forest.

BILLING:

Grazing fees have changed from last year. The fee is now \$2.11 per head month.

IMPROVEMENTS:

Range improvements listed in part three of your grazing permit must be maintained before cattle enter the allotments. The maintenance standards listed in part three of your term permit must be followed when maintaining the improvements. As you're doing water trough maintenance please install wildlife ramps in all troughs that currently don't have them. We have several new ramps completed at the Paradise Valley Guard Station. Please let Dave Kern or Boyd know when you are going to pick them up and they will make sure they are available.

PERMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS:

Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water, roads, and trails. Place salt at least ¼ mile from water sources and in areas lightly grazed to encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range. In situations where terrain does not allow proper placement of salt, please contact Boyd and he will determine a suitable location with your input.

REQUIRED REPORTING:

Actual use and range improvement maintenance forms have been included for you to complete and return at the end of the grazing season. Please return the forms following the 2016 grazing season by November 30, 2016.

STANDARDS AND GUIDES:

You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and for moving your cattle to the next pasture or off the allotment when allowable use has been reached. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. If you need assistance determining use levels or locating key areas, please contact Boyd. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas.

RIPARIAN SITES:

Category 1 Riparian Areas	Key Species	Percent Utilization
N/A	Riparian grasses and sedges	45%
Category 2 Riparian Areas	Key Species	Percent Utilization
Top half of Alkali Creek, South Fork Dutch John Creek, Road Creek, Deep Creek, Round Corral Creek, Middle Fork Round Corral Creek, East Fork Round Corral Creek & Martin Creek	Riparian grasses and sedges	45%
Category 3 Riparian Areas	Key Species	Percent Utilization
Box Canyon Creek & bottom half of Alkali Creek	Riparian grasses and sedges	60%
Category 4 Riparian Areas	Key Species	Percent Utilization
Harvey Creek & Picket Corral Creek	Riparian grasses and sedges	60%
Category 5 Riparian Areas	Key Species	Percent Utilization
Antelope Creek, Spring Creek, Coal Pit Creek, Spring City Canyon/Dry Creek & Buttermilk Creek	Riparian grasses and sedges	65%
Uplands	Mt. Brome, bluegrass, needlegrass, squirreltail	65%
Upland Browse	Serviceberry, bitterbrush, snowberry	50% of current year's growth
Riparian Browse	Willow, aspen, cottonwood	35% of current year's growth

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Type of Rotation: Rest Rotation.

REST UNITS: Lye Creek

COORDINATION & COOPERATION:

If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the interagency dispatch center in Winnemucca, NV at (775) 623-3444 or 1-800-535-6076.

MAPS, FORMS & ATTACHMENTS:

Allotment map, signature page, actual use and permit maintenance forms have been attached.

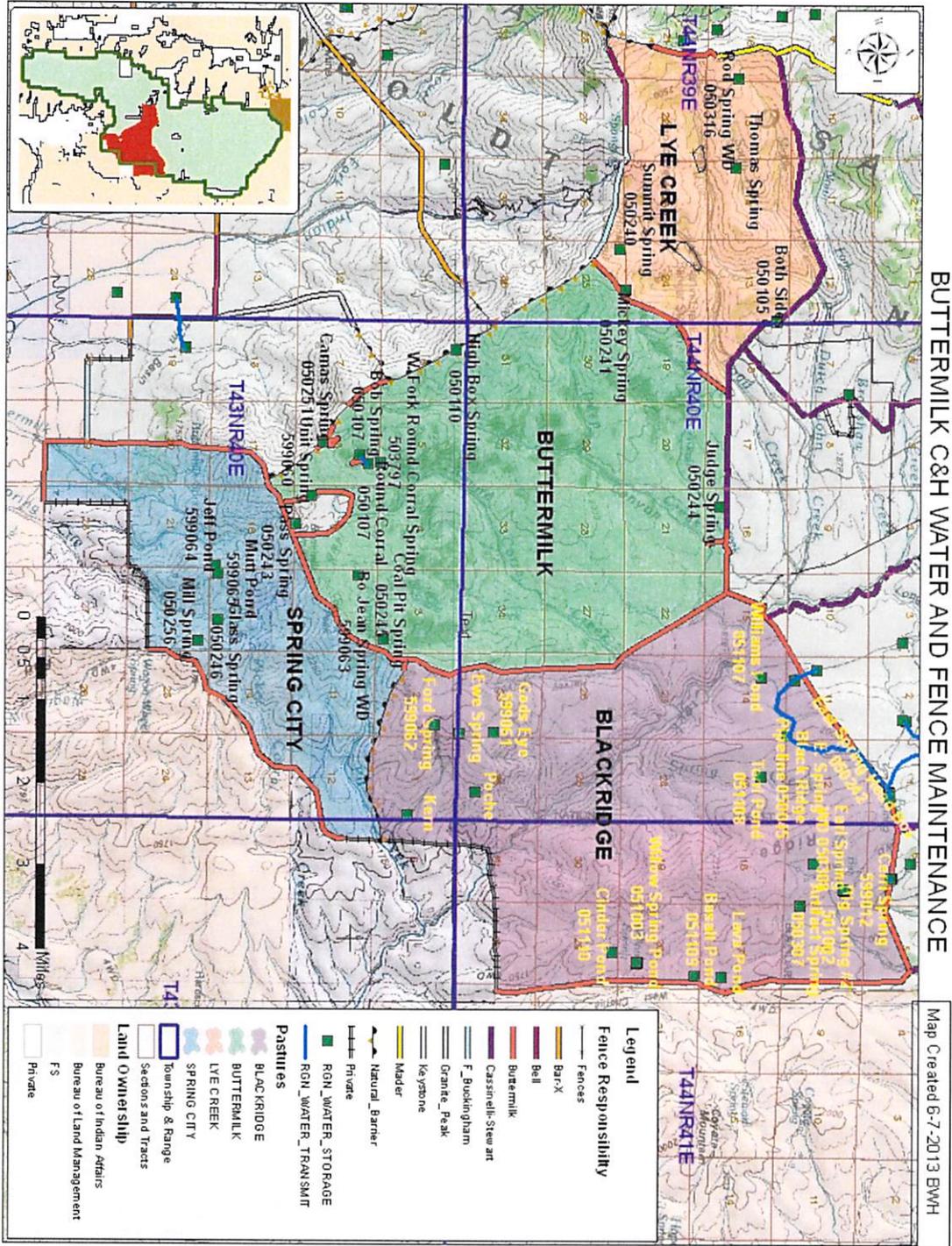
As a reminder, approval of requests for permittee convenience non-use is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the non-use request with the permittee. Approval of a request for permittee convenience non-use must be in writing by the authorized officer. Full or partial permittee convenience non-use may be approved by the authorized officer for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten year period.

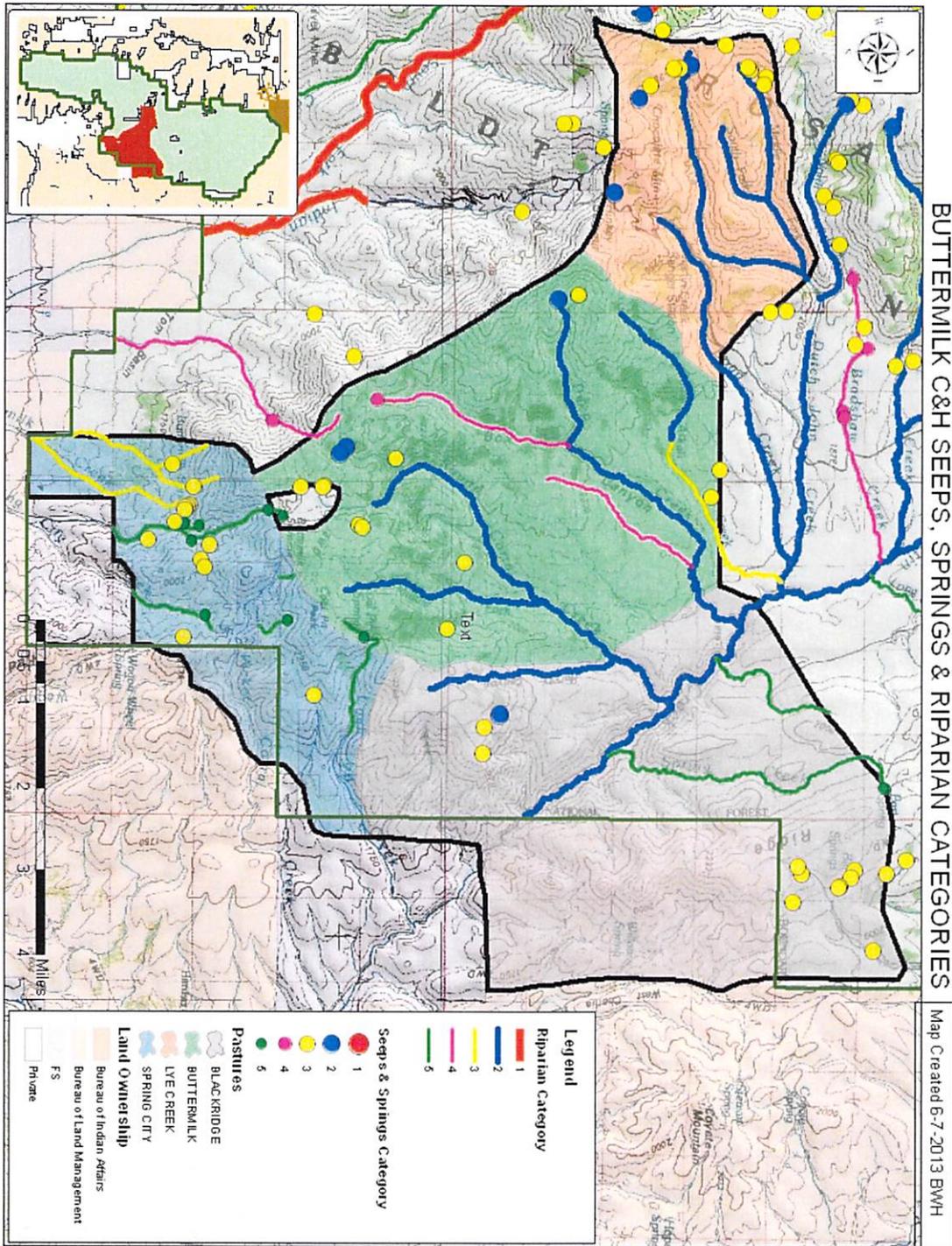
If you have any questions or concerns this grazing season, please call Boyd at (775) 623-5025 x 119.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph Garrotto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

JOSEPH GARROTTO
District Ranger





ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2016

Buttermilk C&H Allotment

SANTA ROSA RANGER DISTRICT

Recommended by: _____ Date: _____
Rangeland Management Specialist

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____
Permittee

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
District Ranger

Please sign and date this cover sheet and return to my office. Upon signature by the District Ranger, these Annual Operating Instructions are hereby made a part of your Term Grazing Permit.

As permittee, my signature on these Annual Operating Instructions certifies that there is no change to my permitted livestock or base property ownership as described in my grazing permit.

CURRENT PLAN AND ACTUAL USE RECORD CATTLE

Allotment: Buttermilk
 Season of Use: 5/22 to 9/30

Permittee: Steve Lucas
 Year: 2016

Unit	Permitted Numbers	Planned Enter Date	Planned Leave Date	Actual Enter Date	Actual Leave Date	Number Grazed Cows	Number Grazed Calves	Number Grazed Bulls	Losses Number	Losses Cause
Spring City	440	22-May	24-Jun							
Black Ridge	440	24-Jun	20-Jul							
Buttermilk	440	21-Jul	30-Aug							
Lye Creek	440	1-Sep	30-Sep							

Remarks: _____

Signature: _____

IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE RECORD

Permittee: Lucas Grazing year: 2016

Allotment: Buttermilk Please complete and return by: Nov. 30, 2016

Type of Improvement	Location	Name of Improvement	Amount Maintained	Cost

Remarks: _____

Permittee Signature: _____ Date: _____