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Dear Brian and Ft. McDermitt Stockman's Association:

This letter documents your meeting with myself and Boyd Hatch, held May 13, 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 a rest 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.

INDIAN C&H		PERMITTED USE	
Allotment	Class	Number	Season
INDIAN C&H	c/c	301	6/16 – 9/30
INDIAN C&H		AUTHORIZED USE	
UNITS	Class	Number	Season
North & Devils Gate Units	c/c	136	7/1 – 8/20
South Jakes Cr. Unit	c/c	136	8/21 – 9/30

Resource protection on 165 head of C/C will be taken this year. It will be critical that you intensively manage cattle this year to encourage even distribution of use. Riparian areas will need extra monitoring and when utilization is about to be met livestock will need to be moved or removed off the allotment.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Type of Rotation: Deferred Rotation.

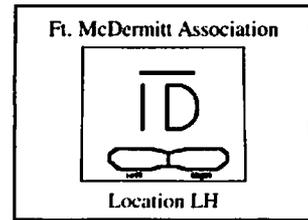
BILLING:

Grazing fees changed from last year. The fee is \$2.11 per head month. You are able to pay your bill by check or money order sent to USDA Forest Service, C/O Citibank, P.O. Box 301550, Los Angeles, CA 90030-1550, online at WWW.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY, or at the district office.



PERMITTED LIVESTOCK BRANDS:

All livestock permitted in the Fort McDermitt Association must have the member brand Bar ID displayed, in order to graze on the National Forest permit.



COMPLIANCE:

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). 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.

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.

Allowable Use/Proper Use/Utilization Criteria

Riparian sites:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Two Mile Creek	65% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Jakes Creek & all category 3 seeps and springs	55% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
East Fork Quinn River, South Fork Quinn River, and all category 2 seeps & springs	45% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Riparian Browse	35% use current year's growth on all riparian shrubs such as willows.

Upland sites:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
All uplands	65% use of key species mountain brome, bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, squirrtail.
Upland Browse	50% of current years growth snowberry, serviceberry, mahogany, bitterbrush

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 Ranger 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.

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 nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse 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 nonuse 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,



JOSEPH GARROTTO
District Ranger

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2016

INDIAN C&H ALLOTMENT

SANTA ROSA RANGER DISTRICT

Recommended by: _____ Date: _____
Rangeland Management Specialist

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____
Permittee/President

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.