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Dear Davie and Susan,

The following letter will document your meeting with Boyd Hatch, on April 27, 2016 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2016 summer grazing season on the Lamance Allotment. The District Ranger must approve any changes to this AOI.

A deferred rotation grazing system will be implemented on the Lamance C&H allotment. Utilization sets the criteria on moving your livestock, and the scheduled dates below are a guide and 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.

Lamance C&H Permitted Use

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Keystone Ranch	C/C	134	5/21 – 8/31
Susan & David Kern	C/C	160	5/21 – 8/31

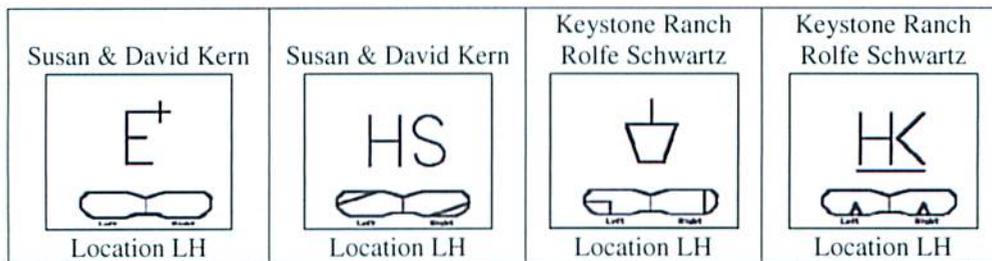
Lamance C&H Authorized Use

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Scheduled Rotation

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SEASON</u>
1. Dry Creek	290	May 21 – June 09
2. Lamance	290	June 10 – July 18
3. Upper Cottonwood	290	July 19 – August 31



Permitted Livestock Brands:

Brands Provided by NV Dept. Ag online 2008 brand book at: <http://agri.nv.gov/indexLivestock2.htm>

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, please inform the District Ranger, he 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.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT:

Type of Rotation: Deferred Rotation.

STANDARDS AND GUIDES:

You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and for moving your cattle to the next unit in your rotation 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 Peter or Boyd. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas.

RIPARIAN SITES:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Dry Creek	65%
S. Fork Hanson Cr., N. Fork Hanson Cr., Lamance Cr., and Little Cottonwood Cr. (all below wilderness boundary)	55%
S. Fork Hanson Cr., N. Fork Hanson Cr., Lamance	45%

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All riparian shrubs such as Willows and Aspen	35%

UPLAND SITES:

Use is 65% on upland sites. Key species are: mountain brome, basin wildrye, Sandberg bluegrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, squirreltail, and Idaho fescue. Use is 50% on upland browse species such as serviceberry, bitterbrush, sagebrush, and snowberry.

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) 623-1555 or 1-800-535-6076.

MAPS, FORMS & ATTACHMENTS:

Allotment map showing pasture and fence responsibilities have been attached to this AOI.

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.

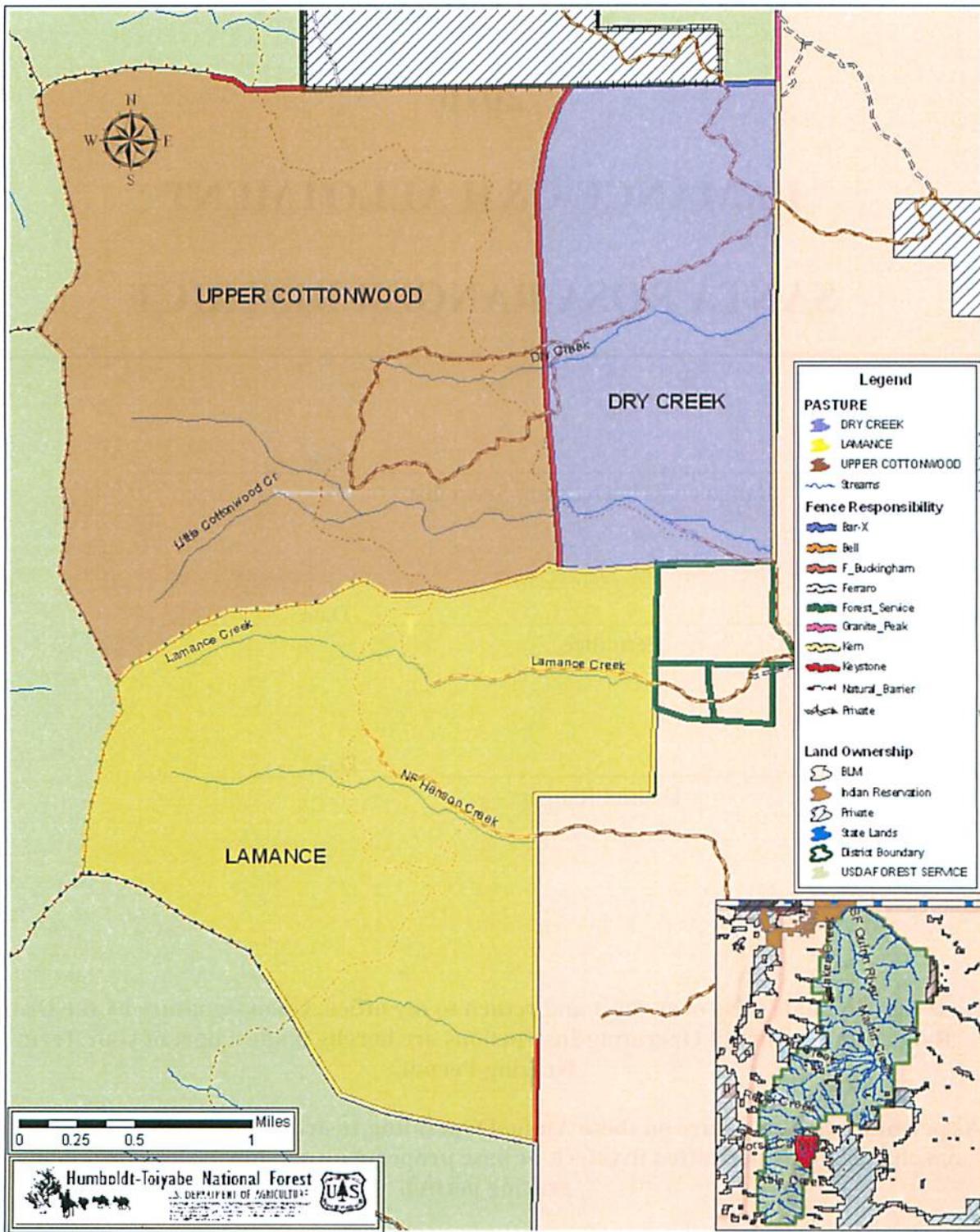
If you have any questions or concerns this grazing season, please call Boyd at (775) 623-5025 x 119.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Garrotto", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JOSEPH GARROTTO
District Ranger

Lamance C&H Allotment



ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2016

LAMANCE 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.