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Date: April 21, 2016

Crawford Cattle LLC.
Steve Hall
146 Grason Ranch Rd.
Winnemucca NV, 89445

Dear Steve,

The following letter will document the meeting with Brandon Hoagland and Boyd Hatch, on April 15, 2016, and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2016 summer grazing season on the Quinn River Allotment. The District Ranger must approve any changes to this AOI.

The grazing system on this allotment is Rest Rotation. The scheduled dates of use are flexible but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made in the below dates. The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

**QUINN RIVER C&H
PERMITTED SEASON of USE & NUMBERS**

Allotment	Class	Number	Season
Quinn River C&H	c/c	400	4/15 - 9/1
Quinn River C&H	c/c	2400	5/15 - 9/1

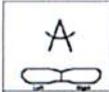
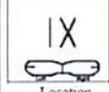
**QUINN RIVER C&H
AUTHORIZED SEASON of USE & NUMBERS**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Quinn River Riparian	Yearlings	600	5/2 - 6/15
Long Canyon	Yearlings	600	6/16 - 9/1
Laca	C/C	250	6/1 - 7/15
Laca	C/C	500	6/10 - 7/15
Laca	C/C	1000	6/20 - 7/15
Laca Riparian	C/C	1000	6/20 - 7/15
Laca	C/C	1700	6/25 - 7/15
Laca Riparian	C/C	1700	6/25 - 7/15
South Fork Unit	C/C	1700	7/15 - 8/15
Goosey	C/C	1700	8/15 - 9/1

NON-USE: Resource protection non-use is authorized for 500 c/c due to post drought conditions and restocking provisions on the Quinn River Allotment.



PERMITTED LIVESTOCK BRANDS:

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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, or pastures that are weed free for at least 2 days prior to entering the Forest.

BILLING:

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

DUE DATE:

Payment of your grazing bill is due five days prior to your earliest turnout date to allow time for processing. As a reminder the Forest Service is required to give permittees a minimum of 30 days to pay your grazing fees. On line payment is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/billpay>.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

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 Boyd. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas.

RIPARIAN SITES:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Anderson Creek Unit 2 (Long Canyon)	60%
Long Canyon Creek Unit 2 (Long Canyon) and all Wet Meadows	50%
E. Fork Quinn Unit 1 (Quinn Riparian) and Chicken Creek Unit 3 (South Fork)	45%
S. Fork Quinn River Unit 3 (South Fork), Laca Creek Unit 4 (Laca), Goosey Lake Creek 5 (Goosey Lake), and E. Fork Quinn Unit 6 (Laca Riparian)	40%
E. Fork Quinn Unit 2, E. Fork Quinn Unit 3, Klondike Canyon 3, and all other riparian shrubs such as willows	35%
E. Fork Quinn Unit 6	15%

UPLAND SITES:

Key Species: Use is 60% on upland sites. Key species are: mountain brome, basin wild rye, Sandberg bluegrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, squirreltail, and Idaho fescue.

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 available at the Paradise Valley Ranger Station. Please let Dave Kern, or Boyd know when you are going to pick ramps up and they will make sure they are available.

We discussed fixing the fence between North Fork, Martin Basin and the Quinn River Allotments. Please work with Boyd and Dave on making the supplies available to replace the old fence line.

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 they will determine a suitable location with your input. Due to resource concerns in Laca the forest asks that you do not salt within and around the area near the head of Goosey Lake Creek near Rance Spring, this area is marked on the map section of the AOI.

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 Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center in Winnemucca, NV at (775) 623-1555 or 1-800-535-6076.

MAPS, FORMS & ATTACHMENTS:

An allotment map has been attached to your AOI.

OTHER:

We discussed looking at the Quinn Riparian Pasture Fence and possibly extending it further up the Quinn River.

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

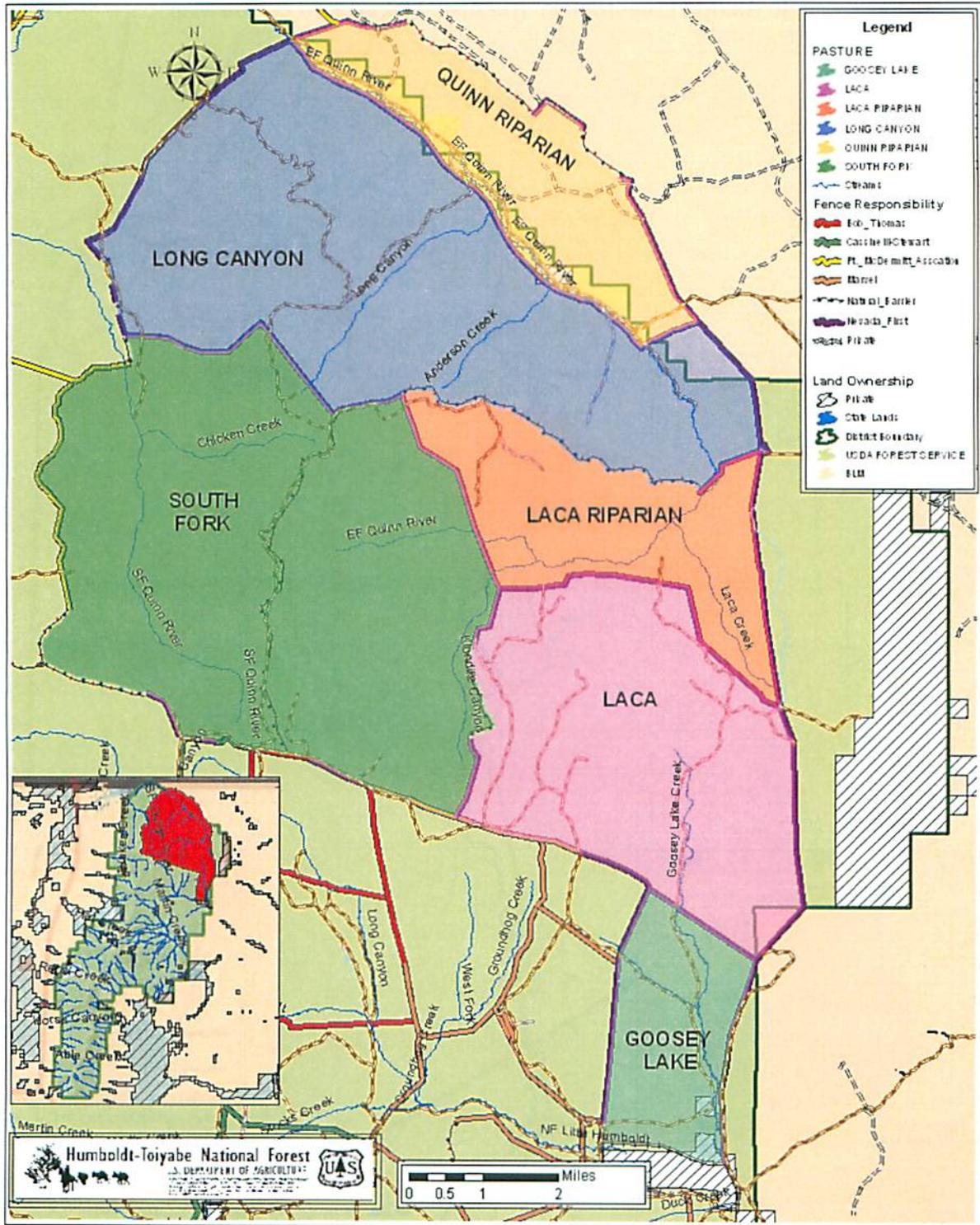
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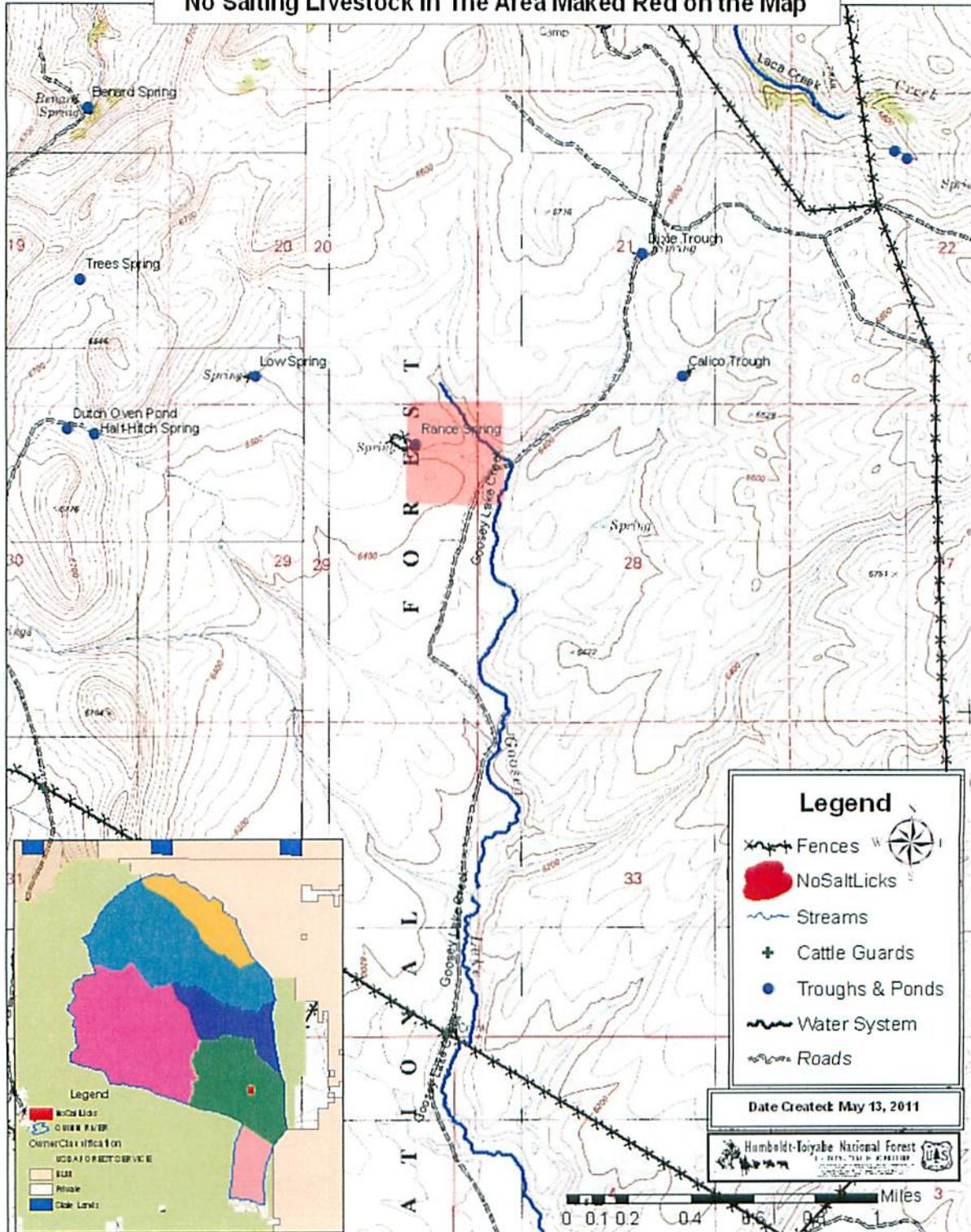
/s/Joseph Garrotto

District Ranger

Quinn River C&H Allotment



**Quinn River Allotment Laca Pasture Resource Protected Area
No Salting Livestock in The Area Maked Red on the Map**



ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2016

Quinn River C&H

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.