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Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2018 Annual Operating Instructions for the Sheep Creek Park Allotment and will become part of your Term Grazing Permit #00103. The annual operating meeting was held on March 21, 2018 in Manila, UT with Donald Pallesen, Glen Tinker, Bryan Tinker, Jon Wilde, Allen Young, Zach Young, and Cherrite Bonomo.

**Sheep Creek Park:**

Below in Table 1 you will find authorized use, and Table 2 you will find the grazing schedules and utilization benchmarks for the Sheep Creek Park Allotment. The scheduled dates below are to be used as guidelines depending on range readiness, precipitation, forage production, utilization, permittee needs, and adaptive management. The movement of livestock will depend upon available water and forage. It is your responsibility to ensure utilization benchmarks are not exceeded and to move livestock when allowable use is met.

**Table 1: Sheep Creek Park Allotment Authorized Use**

Permittee	Numbers/ Turn Out Dates	Kind/Class	Season of Use
John Tinker Family Living Trust	75 head/June 15 75 head/July 1	Cattle (cow/calf)	June 15 – September 20
Jon & RaNae Wilde	38 head/June 15 37 head/July 1		
Allen & Nancy Young	12 head/June 15 13 head/July 1		
Donald & Keri Pallesen	25 head/June 15 25 head/July 1		

**Table 2: Sheep Creek Park Allotment Grazing Schedule and Utilization Benchmarks**

Unit	Dates	Utilization Benchmarks
Conner Basin/Sols Canyon	June 15 - June 30	≤ 40% of Key Species ≥ 4" RSH along Greenline
Half Moon Park	July 1 - July 21	≤ 50% of Key Species ≥ 4" RSH along Greenline
Sheep Creek Park*	July 22 – August 20	
Browne-Beaver	August 21 - September 20	

*\*Sheep Creek Park Unit will be considered as one unit with special emphasis of properly utilizing and distributing livestock on the north half of that unit.*



<sup>1</sup>Dates are estimates and may vary based upon range readiness, drought, utilization benchmarks being reached prior to the move date, and/or other factors. <sup>2</sup>Utilization will be monitored at key areas of the allotment. Key areas are those areas most preferred by livestock, are typically grazed first, and receive the most concentrated use; RSH = residual stubble height.

John Tinker Family Living Trust's livestock will have yellow ear tags, Jon and RaNae Wilde's livestock will have orange ear tags, and Allen and Nancy Young's livestock will have blue ear tags. Majority of Donald and Keri Pallesen's livestock will have black ear tags along with a few cows having either yellow or blue ear tags

Pallesen's, Wilde's and Young's livestock (25, 38 and 12 pair respectively) will be shipped to the blue gate adjacent to the Conner Basin/Sols Canyon unit and then trailed east into the Conner Basin area of the unit. At this point in time, livestock will be trailed up Sols Canyon to the north end of the Sheep Creek Park Unit where they will be joined by the balance of permittees' livestock which will have been trucked in from the Birch Creek area.

Tinker's livestock (75 pair) will be trucked to the bottom of Sols Canyon and trailed to the Coal Mine area of the Conner Basin/Sols Canyon unit. At this point in time, the balance of John Tinker Family Living Trust livestock will be shipped into the bottom of Sols Canyon with all livestock then being trailed up Sols Canyon to the north end of the Sheep Creek Park Unit.

Livestock will graze this and each subsequent unit until any utilization benchmark has been reached or until the scheduled date arrives to move livestock into the next unit, whichever occurs first. Livestock will be removed from National Forest lands when any utilization benchmark has been met in the Browne-Beaver Unit or by September 20<sup>th</sup>, whichever occurs first. Every effort must be taken to completely remove livestock off of National Forest lands by the scheduled off date. Wilde's and Young's livestock will be trailed home via the Carter Dugway or gathered in the Sheep Creek Park corrals and trucked home. Tinker's livestock will be gathered into the Sheep Creek Park corrals and trucked home.

#### Range Improvements:

Range improvements are essential in ensuring that livestock are well distributed and that Forest standards and guides are met. We expect the following:

- **You are responsible to maintain all allotment fences, water developments, and other range improvements in a serviceable condition as listed in Part 3 of your term grazing permit and associated allotment management plan one week prior to your scheduled on date for each unit unless prior approval from your rangeland management specialist.** This allows for the inspection of your improvements and any potential concerns to be addressed before your livestock enter the allotment. **If your maintenance responsibilities have not been completed to the standards listed in your permit, livestock will not be allowed to enter the allotment.** Failure to do so is a violation of their permit and action will be taken when violations are documented. All labor and materials needed for maintenance is your responsibility. Any OHV use in the administration of your allotment is limited to existing roads unless permission is otherwise obtained.
- Sheep Creek Park Corral (#001541): Permittees to come up with design, materials, maintenance responsibility and implementation schedule.

- Half Moon Park Water Development (#001010A): Permittees to determine if they want to keep the site for future use or de-commission. If keep, apply next year for UGIP funding.
- Browne-Sheep Creek Mountain Fence (#001501): Tinker's will put up electric fence prior to turning in that unit to keep livestock from coming from the Sheep Creek Mountain Allotment side and to keep livestock from entering the enclosure from the Browne-Beaver Unit side when livestock is in that unit.
- Forest Service boundary fence
- Conner Basin spring development
- Half Moon/Sheep Creek Lake Division Fence (#001512): Tinker's will replace the gate post on that fence adjacent to the cattleguard on FS road #221.
- Cattleguard Clean Out: FS road crew will clean out cattleguard on FS road #221 located on the Lodgepole-Sheep Creek boundary fence (#001043).

Other items discussed:

- Intercanal pit fence relocated.
- Half Whiskey Moon Lookout Forest Restoration Project: Final decision was signed in August 2017. Implementation is expected to start in 2018 with majority of the work likely be accomplished within 5 years following the decision.
- North Flank Proposed Burn Units: There may possibly be some proposed burning around the Lodgepole Creek area which will most likely occur September-November timeframe. Permittees will be notified if this occurs.
- Range improvement updates: Will schedule a meeting this summer to go over range improvements, maintenance responsibilities, update maps/permits.
- Permit renewals/modification: Tinker's, Wilde's, and Young's term grazing permits will be expiring 12/31/2018. Renewal paperwork will be sent out this summer. Pallesen's permit will be modified for range improvement updates.

Permittees will work together managing livestock on both the allotments. Livestock need to be kept in their appropriate units, properly distributed within those units, and moved from unit to unit when needed. This requires riding and salting be properly conducted throughout the entire grazing season. Do not place your salt next to water, roads, trails, or in open meadows.

Grazing fees are \$1.41 per head month this year. Your Bill for Collection payment for grazing fees must be paid before livestock are allowed on National Forest lands (due date 10 days prior to turn on date). Payments can be made by mail or in person at any Forest Service Office (bill number required). Bills can also be paid online at [www.fs.fed.us/billpay](http://www.fs.fed.us/billpay). Please include a copy of your bill with your payment and allow 4 business days for payment processing.

Find enclosed is your grazing use records form to be returned by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and 2018 grazing season bill to be paid by the due date. Please continue to keep us informed on what's happening on your allotment and thank you for your cooperation in the proper management of the Sheep Creek Park Allotment. If you have any questions, changes or comments, please contact Cherette Bonomo, Rangeland Management Specialist, at office: (435) 781-5279

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rowdy Muir". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

*Rowdy Muir*  
*District Ranger*

Enclosures (2)  
Grazing Use Record  
Grazing Bill