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**Date:** April 10, 2018

Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2018 Annual Operating Instructions for the Sheep Creek Mountain Allotment and will become part of your Term Grazing Permit #00173. The annual operating meeting was held on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Manila, UT with Scott Slaugh, Glen Tinker, Bryan Tinker, and Cherrite Bonomo.

**Sheep Creek Mountain:**

Below in Table 1 you will find your authorized use, and Table 2 you will find the grazing schedules and utilization benchmarks for the Sheep Creek Mountain 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 Mountain Allotment Authorized Use**

Permittee	Numbers <sup>1</sup>	Kind/Class	Season of Use
John Tinker Family Living Trust	145	Cattle (cow/calf)	June 1 – September 15
Scott Slaugh	28		

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

Unit	Dates <sup>1</sup>	Utilization Benchmarks <sup>2</sup>
Death Valley	June 1 - June 21	≤ 40% of Key Species ≥ 4" RSH along Greenline
Scrapper Springs	June 22 - July 21	≤ 50% of Key Species ≥ 4" RSH along Greenline
Lost Springs	July 22 – August 6	
Elk Park	August 7 - September 15	

<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 (e.g. Scrapper Springs); RSH = residual stubble height.

John Tinker Family Living Trust's livestock will have yellow ear tags and Scott Slaugh's livestock will have green ear tags. Scott Slaugh will truck his livestock into the yellow pine area and John Tinker Family Living Trust will truck their livestock into the Lodgepole trough area of 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.

Permittees will work together managing livestock on the allotment. Extra attention will be put towards livestock being 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.

**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.** 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.** 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. Range improvements discussed included:

- Carter Creek Bridge Temporary Fence Extension (#001076): Scott Slaugh will continue to put up fence prior to livestock entering the Elk Park Unit and taking down after livestock are removed.
- Scraper Springs Temporary Fence: Tinker's will continue to use electric fence as a tool if needed around the riparian/spring area of Scrapper Springs to improve livestock distribution and use.
- Deep Creek Road Cattleguard by Carter Creek: This cattleguard will be cleaned out by Forest Service road crew.

Other topics discussed:

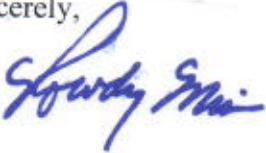
- Permit renewal: Tinker's term grazing permit expires 12/31/2018. Application for term grazing permit was provided to Tinker's at meeting, filled out and returned to Forest Service. Permit renewal will be completed later this year.
- Half Whiskey Moon Lookout Forest Restoration Project: Final decision 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.
- Prescribed fire: Forest Service fire crews will be implementing prescribed fire on the North Slope of the Unitas beginning in April through this fall dependent on weather. The permittees were provided a map of the prescribed burn units. Units to be burned for 2018 are 1-7, 14, and 17. Units 1-7 are found within the Sheep Creek Mountain Allotment.

Scott Slaugh

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Find enclosed is your grazing use record 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 Mountain Allotment. If you have any questions, changes or comments, please contact Cherrite Bonomo, Rangeland Management Specialist, at office: (435) 781-5279 or cell:

Sincerely,



Rowdy Muir  
District Ranger

Grazing Use Record  
Grazing Bill