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Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2018 Annual Operating Instructions for the Linwood-South Valley Allotment and will become part of your Term Grazing Permit #00170B. The annual operating meeting was held on April 10th, 2018 in Manila, UT with Hugh Straatman and Cherette Bonomo.

Linwood-South Valley:

Below in Table 1 you will find your grazing schedule and utilization benchmarks for the Linwood-South Valley 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. Livestock will be trailed from adjacent private lands onto and off of National Forest Lands. Emphasis will be placed on utilizing the Reeves portion of the South Valley Unit this year.

Table 1: Linwood-South Valley Allotment Grazing Schedule & Utilization Benchmarks

Number/Kind	Unit	Date	Utilization Benchmark
225 Yearlings	South Linwood	June 15 – June 30 July 14 – July 27	≥ 4" RSH – Irrigated Pastures and Intermittent/Perennial Drainages including Birch Springs Draw
150 Yearlings	North Linwood	July 28- August 6	≥ 6" RSH – Irrigated Pastures
200 Cows	South Valley	November 15 – December 14	≤ 50% Use by Key Species ≥ 4" RSH - Intermittent/Perennial Drainages including South Valley Creek and People's Canal

¹Dates are estimates and may vary based upon range readiness, drought, utilization benchmarks being reached prior to the move date, and/or other factors. ²Utilization 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.

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.

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 (AMP) 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. Maintenance/other items include:

- Irrigation and reconstruction/maintenance of irrigation ditches will continue to occur. Appropriately regulate water.
- Temporary electric fence will be placed in these units as done in the past and removed when livestock are off.
- Maintain all other range improvements as specified in your term grazing permit and associated AMP.

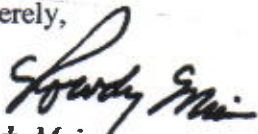
Other items discussed:

- Noxious Weeds/Invasives: Treatment of noxious weeds is expected to occur in the Linwood Bay area by the Forest Service. The Forest Service had applied for WRI funds and Salinity Control Program funds to do salt cedar control and habitat improvement projects along the Flaming Gorge Reservoir possibly beginning this year over the next couple years dependent on funding.
- Manila Landfill: Discuss issues with trash blowing out of the dump onto adjacent land.
- Forest Boundary Fence: Discussed the Forest boundary fence around the Phil Pico to Birch Creek/Carter Dugway area, fence maintenance/livestock issues brought up by Forest Service permittees. See enclosed document that discusses Forest Service guidance on boundary fences. Forest Service permittees were also provided this document.

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. Please include a copy of your bill with your payment and allow 4 business days for payment processing.

Find enclosed is your grazing use record form to be returned by December 31st, 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 Linwood-South Valley Allotment. If you have any questions, changes or comments, please contact Cherette Bonomo, Rangeland Management Specialist, at office: (435) 781-5279 or cell:

Sincerely,



Rowdy Muir
District Ranger

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- Enclosures (3)
- Grazing Use Record
- Grazing Bill
- Range Improvement/Boundary Fence Memo