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Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2018 Annual Operating Instructions for the Lewis-Allen Allotment and will become part of your Term Grazing Permit #00172A. The annual operating meeting was held on March 22, 2018 in Manila, UT with Ritchie and Jessica Anderson, Carol Gardiner, Raymond Terry, and Cherrite Bonomo.

**Lewis-Allen Allotment:**

Below in Tables 1 and 2 you will find the grazing schedules and utilization benchmarks for Ritchie & Jessica Anderson and Carol Gardiner for the Lewis-Allen 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: Ritchie and Jessica Anderson's Grazing Schedule & Utilization Benchmarks**

Unit	Kind/Class	Numbers	Proposed Dates	Utilization Benchmarks
Alabama Flat	Cattle (Cow/Calf)	48*	May 15 - May 31	≤ 50% of Key Species ≥ 4" RSH of Graminoids along Greenline
North Unit*			June 1 - July 8	
South Unit			July 9 - September 30	

*\*Additional livestock will only be permitted on a temporary, year to year basis.*

**Table 2: Carol Gardiner's Grazing Schedule & Utilization Benchmarks**

Unit	Kind/Class	Numbers	Proposed Dates	Utilization Benchmarks
North Unit*	Cattle (Cow/Calf)	43	June 1 - July 8	≤ 50% of Key Species ≥ 4" RSH of Graminoids along Greenline
South Unit			July 9 - September 30	
Swett Ranch		40	June 1 - September 30	See Swett Ranch Section Below

\*North Unit includes Lower Skull Creek and Bear Canyon Units

<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.



Carol Gardiner's son, Raymond Terry, will be allowed to graze up to 20 pair on the allotment as part of her permit. This request per direction found in FSH 2209.13 - 12.22. Terry's livestock will be branded according to the Lazy RT brand.

Use of a short electric fencing adjacent to Allen Creek in the northwest area of the Bear Canyon Unit is again authorized to aid in controlling livestock. This electric fence will be promptly removed after livestock leave unit.

Permittee's livestock will graze the North Unit until July 10 when grazing of the South Unit will commence. Livestock will be removed from National Forest lands when any utilization benchmark has been met in the South Unit or by September 30, whichever occurs first. Every effort must be taken to completely remove livestock off National Forest lands by the scheduled off date. Livestock will be gathered using temporary corrals just east of the Swett Ranch or at the Red Canyon holding corrals.

Equal utilization of the range is the objective. This requires riding and salting be properly conducted throughout the entire grazing season. Rotate your salting areas during the grazing season and from year to year. Place your salt in good forage producing areas where livestock do not go by preference. Do not place your salt next to water, roads, trails, or in open meadows. Livestock need to be kept in their appropriate units, properly distributed within those units, and moved from unit to unit as needed. It is especially important livestock be kept in the unit they are supposed to be in and an even distribution of your livestock be maintained while in a unit, since any area reaching proper utilization means it is time to move into the next scheduled unit or to come home. Each permittee is responsible for keeping livestock spread out and not over utilizing the range.

You are responsible for the maintenance of all your range improvements listed in Part 3 of your term grazing permit and associated Allotment Management Plan need to be completed one week prior to your scheduled on date or by the agreed to date as discussed below. If your maintenance responsibilities have not been completed to the standards listed in your permit, your livestock will not be allowed to enter National Forest lands. 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 items and other related items specifically discussed included the following:

- Green Spring (#452441): This livestock water development was submitted to UGIP for maintenance of the project. No water right was found on this site. The Forest Service is working to see if can get a water right.
- Green's Lake Boundary Fence (#019403) This fence is planned to be rebuilt this year.
- North/South Unit Fence (#001527): Anderson's will place wood fence stays on this fence this year.

Highway safety remains a major concern for this allotment. The following measures will continue to be implemented to provide for continued highway safety:



- Five signs with flagging and flashers will be placed by permittees along Highway 44 and U.S. Highway 191 to warn oncoming motorists of the possibility of livestock on or in the vicinity of Highways 44 and 191. Signs will be put in place approximately three days before livestock enter the South Unit, will be maintained during the time livestock are in the unit, and will be promptly removed after livestock are removed from National Forest lands. One sign will be placed next to Highway 44 before entering the allotment when traveling southbound (Carol's responsibility). A second sign will be placed next to Highway 191 traveling northbound just after turning onto this highway from Highway 44 (Dale and Glenna's responsibility). A third and fourth sign will be placed next to Highway 191 with one sign located at the north end of the allotment in the vicinity of the Camper World turnoff (Dale and Glenna's responsibility) and the other located at the south end of the allotment (Carol's responsibility). The last sign will be placed adjacent to the Red Canyon cattle guard on Highway 44 (Carol's responsibility). Permittees will continue to coordinate with UDOT in the placement of signs and type of signs used.

**Swett Ranch Portion of the Lewis-Allen Allotment:**

Season of use will occur approximately June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> in Pastures 1, 2, 3, and Swett Ranch Yard (SRY). The 40 cow/calf pairs will be trailed from adjacent private lands to the Swett Ranch. Grazing will occur in each pasture until the relevant utilization benchmark (i.e. average four inch or greater stubble height) is met or by the date determined to move livestock into the next scheduled unit to be grazed, whichever occurs first. Grazing within the SRY will occur to reduce the threat of fire to historic buildings in the area. Livestock will be removed from National Forest lands when any utilization benchmark has been met in the last pasture to be grazed or by September 30<sup>th</sup>, whichever occurs first. Grazing results from this and past grazing seasons will continue to be used to refine grazing management in subsequent grazing seasons.

Prior to turn on, review the letter sent to you by the Forest Service dated July 26, 2011. This letter describes expectations for you in regards to the management of Swett Ranch. Items emphasized in the letter and again at the meeting included 1) receiving approval before implementing any changes to your AOI (i.e. changes to the proposed grazing schedule, range improvements, etc.); and 2) continuing to work in close cooperation with the Forest Service in developing and implementing the Swett Ranch activity days. Your point of contact will be Stephanie Anderson, Recreation Program Manager, (435) 781-5283.

- **Swett Ranch Historic Days:** Two Swett Ranch historical days/activities are planned for 2018. Branding Day will be the first that is planned for June 1<sup>st</sup>. Activities occurring on this day will be similar to those that have occurred in previous years including the branding of the livestock permitted to graze on the allotment. The second activity is planned for the July 28<sup>th</sup>, "Team Day", demonstrate various activities of teams of horses as performed on the Swett Ranch in the early 1900's. Other possible activities include planting potatoes and/or pumpkins in the garden. These historical Swett Ranch days/activities continue to be a part of the terms and conditions of your term grazing permit and will continue to occur on an annual basis.

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

Carol Ann Gardiner

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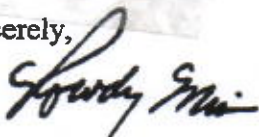
turn on date). Payments can be made by mail or in person at any Forest Service Office (bill number required). Bills can also be paid online at [www.fs.fed.us/billpay](http://www.fs.fed.us/billpay). Please include a copy of your bill with your payment and allow 4 business days for payment processing.

Other items discussed:

- Permit renewal: Gardiner's term grazing permit will expire December 21, 2018. Renewal paperwork will be sent out this summer.
- Grazing unit rotation: Discussed different options for utilizing the units better.
- Highway 44 cattleguard by Red Canyon: Ritchie Anderson said he will talk to the UDOT about having them deepen the bottom in the cattleguard so cattle won't be able to cross. He will also talk with UDOT about getting some more permanent livestock crossing signs along Hwy 44.
- 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.

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 Lewis-Allen Allotment. If you have any questions, changes or comments, please contact Cherette Bonomo, Rangeland Management Specialist, at office: (435) 781-5279 or cell: (435)

Sincerely,



Rowdy Muir  
District Ranger

Enclosure (2)  
Grazing Use Record  
Grazing Bill