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Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2018 Annual Operating Instructions for the Hickerson 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, Jon Wilde, Allen Young, Zach Young, and Cherette Bonomo.

Hickerson Park:

Below in Table 1 you will find authorized use, and Table 2 you will find the grazing schedules and utilization benchmarks for the Hickerson 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: Hickerson Park Allotment Authorized Use

Permittee	Numbers ¹	Kind/Class	Season of Use
Jon & RaNae Wilde	150	Cattle (cow/calf)	June 22– September 16
Donald & Keri Pallesen	100		
Allen & Nancy Young	50		

Table 2: Hickerson Park Allotment Grazing Schedule and Utilization Benchmarks

Unit	Dates ¹	Utilization Benchmarks ²
Carter Dugway	June 22 – July 6	≤ 40% of Key Species ≥ 4" RSH along Greenline
Round Park	July 7 – August 6	≤ 50% of Key Species ≥ 4" RSH along Greenline
Hickerson Park	August 7 – September 6	
Lodgepole	September 7 – September 16	≤ 30% of Key Species ≥ 4" RSH along Greenline

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.

Jon and RaNae Wilde's livestock will have orange ear tags, Allen and Nancy Young's livestock will have blue ear tags, and 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.



Livestock will be trailed from adjacent private and/or BLM lands to the Carter Dugway 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 Lodgepole Unit or by September 10th, whichever occurs first. Every effort must be taken to completely remove livestock off of National Forest lands by the scheduled off date.

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.**

Other topics discussed:

- Permit Renewals/Modification
- Yellowstone to Uintas (Y2U) Connection: The Y2U will continue to check and monitor the Hickerson Park and Commissary Park Allotments along with those areas closed to grazing on the Uintah-Wasatch Cache and adjacent open allotments. The Y2U will inform our office if they come across any trespass livestock or other items of concern.
- Spirit Lake Forest Restoration Project: Final Decision was signed in October 2017. Implementation is expected to start in 2018 and occur over the next 5 years.

Permittees will work together managing livestock on this allotment. 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.

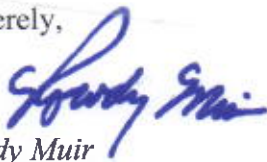
Please coordinate with Commissary Park Allotment permittee (Flying S Ranch) when they will be bringing livestock through Hickerson Park Allotment.

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 records 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 Hickerson Park 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rowdy Muir". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rowdy Muir
District Ranger

Enclosures (2)
Grazing Use Record
Grazing Bill