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Dear Wade,

This letter is in reference to the annual meeting you and Aaron Zobell had on April 27th, 2007, in Manila concerning your grazing on the Commissary Park Allotment. This letter will serve as your 2007 Operating Instructions and will become part of your permit as provided for in Part 2, Number 8(a) of your term grazing permit. Your operating instructions are as follows:

Commissary Park Allotment

<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>
120	East	July 6 – August 10
	West	August 11 – September 15

Cattle use within either the West or East Units should not exceed 50%. Once the prescribed utilization level is reached in the East Unit, your cattle should be moved into the West Unit. Once 50% utilization is reached in the West Unit, it will be time to come home. Willow Park may be used as a gathering location at the end of the season, but utilization should be light. Please keep track of the dates, numbers and any other facts that may be pertinent to your grazing on the allotment this year and let Aaron know as they occur. Note these items on the attached Grazing Use Record form. Any changes to this schedule must be coordinated in advance with Aaron. The schedule and utilization levels listed above are per your 1995 Commissary Park Allotment Management Plan.

To get to your allotment you indicated that you would trail your cattle up Birch Creek, and overnight preferably at Commissary Park, but if needed at Willow Park. The next day you will begin your grazing in the East Unit. It is important to graze as little as possible in Willow Park, both when you enter and leave the allotment.

You asked about trail maintenance for Forest Service Trails #1022 and #1022A. Aaron Zobell has contacted the trail crew and requested that these trails be maintained and again asked these trails be put on the maintenance list for this season. Unfortunately, it appears trails #1022 and #1022A will most likely not be maintained again this year. I suggest when entering the allotment this year you are prepared to do any maintenance necessary along these trails to efficiently bring your cattle into the allotment, move between units, and leave the allotment. Any trail worked needed from Willow Park to Commissary Park needs to be done leaving a trail width of less than 40". This is critical to help prevent unauthorized ATV use.



You informed Aaron that you and the other permittees would not have a rider this year for the Commissary Park Allotment. I expect you will fulfill tasks this rider has performed in the past including but not limited to keeping cattle in their appropriate units, maintaining proper distribution, keeping gates closed, and moving cattle from unit to unit as needed. It is especially important that cattle be kept in the unit they are supposed to be in and that an even distribution of your cattle be maintained while in a unit, since any area reaching proper utilization means it is time to move into the next unit or to come home.

Wade, please pay particular attention to keeping your cattle off of the Spirit Lake Road and away from Spirit Lake Lodge. Salt should not be placed closer than ¼ mile from water or 300 feet from adjacent roads or trails. You should also plan to complete all of your maintenance requirements prior to your entry onto the allotment. Your maintenance needs to be completed to the standard listed in your permit. The fence around Raptor Park is part of your maintenance responsibility. All labor and materials needed for maintenance are also your responsibility. Other item(s) discussed that will require your attention this year are as follows:

- Lower Commissary drift fence (#001088): The Lower Commissary drift fence no longer serves its function and needs to be removed. You are authorized (one time) to use an ATV to facilitate this process. Please fill out the attached Travel Variance Form indicating the date you plan on using an ATV to take down and haul out old fencing materials. This fence will be removed from your maintenance responsibilities once it is removed. Before your cattle enter the allotment for the 2008 grazing season this fence needs to be removed.
- Birch Creek drift fence (#019203): This fence can be extended 200-300 feet to help prevent drift of cattle down Birch Creek. Please contact Aaron when you are ready to complete this extension and he will provide you with materials necessary to complete this extension.

We also need your help to control noxious weeds. By removing musk thistle seed heads before they flower and then cutting down the plant at its base, the spread of this plant can be controlled. Please let Aaron know of any new noxious weed infestations so we can keep them from becoming established. We are especially concerned about Dyer's Woad and any other "new" weeds.

Thank you for your efforts in the management of this allotment. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aaron Zobell at 435-781-5268.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeff E. Schramm
JEFF E. SCHRAMM
District Ranger

Enclosure (2)
Grazing Use Record
Travel Variance Form