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Dear Carol,

This letter references the annual meeting held with you, Dale Anderson, Richie Anderson, and Aaron Zobell on April 10th 2007, concerning your grazing permit on the Lewis-Allen Allotment. This letter will serve as your 2007 Operating Instructions and will become part of your term grazing permit as provided for in Part 2, Number 8(a) of your term permit. Your operating instructions are as follows:

Lewis-Allen Allotment

<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>
Anderson-42 – May 31	*Alabama Flat Unit/Leased Property	May 15
Gardner-43	North Unit	June 1 – July 30
	South Unit	July 31 – Sept. 30

*Anderson only with an additional 40 cattle for a total of 82. Beginning 1st June , 42 cattle only.

Carol, you plan to unload your livestock in the vicinity of Camper World on June 1st using portable facilities and then move them into the old Bear Canyon Unit (currently part of the North unit), which is immediately adjacent to the Flaming Gorge Lodge area until 16th of June. I am allowing you to stay in this area five days longer than you normally do per your request as long as you do not salt in the vicinity of Camper world and do not exceed your utilization standards for this area.

Dale plans to unload his livestock at the State (UDWR) property and then drive them to the Trail Creek/Alabama Flat Unit where they will join with 40 head of his Trail Creek on-and-off provision cows and stay until 31st of May. Successful implementation of this on-and-off provision will require maintenance of fences in Trail Creek to prevent drift of cattle off of Alabama Flat to the North Unit. It is important for Dale to keep his cattle within the Trail Creek/Alabama Flats unit until 31st of May. June 1st he will move his cattle (42 total) into the North Unit.



On July 31st your livestock will move to the South unit. Cattle should be removed from the allotment once 50% utilization is reached in the South unit or by September 30th, whichever comes first. Gathering of livestock in preparation for the trip home should occur near the Swett Ranch while actual loading of livestock will occur just east of the Swett Ranch.

Please remember that maintenance of all your improvements must be done before cattle enter the allotment and maintenance needs to be completed to the standard listed in your permit. You are responsible to provide all of the materials and labor needed to complete your maintenance requirements. Dale is solely responsible for maintenance of any Trail Creek fences as part of his on-and-off grazing provision. Additionally, Dale will be reconstructing approximately 300 feet of the Lower Skull-Skull Creek Unit Fence (#001525). This section of fence currently runs west to Skull Creek from the northwest corner of the UDWR property. When this portion of the fence is reconstructed, you will be responsible for the maintenance of this fence as described in your permit. Reconstruction and future maintenance of this segment of the fence should help prevent drift of cattle from the Trail Creek/Alabama Flat unit to the South unit before the on date for the South unit. Salt should not be placed closer than 1,000 feet from water or 300 feet from adjacent roads or trails.

You informed Aaron your son would be running 6 pair on the Lewis-Allen allotment. If he decides to run more than 6 pair please let Aaron know. Please remember you are still limited to the 43 cow-calf pairs in your permit. This includes the livestock Raymond will run on the allotment. His cattle should be branded with the Lazy RT brand that you provided us with in his Certificate of Registration.

Carol as you know, keeping cattle off of Highway 44 is still a major concern on this allotment and as a result we have implemented two strategies besides herding to reduce vehicle accidents with cattle. First, we have agreed to keep cattle in the North unit until after the July 24th weekend. This reduces the likelihood cattle will be found on or in the vicinity of Highway 44 before the July 24th weekend. Successful implementation of this strategy may require extra riding and herding on your part. Please let Aaron know if you feel utilization standards will be exceeded as we approach the off date for the North Unit. Second we have requested, and you and Dale have agreed to post four signs with flagging and flashers that warn oncoming motorists of the possibility of cattle on or in the vicinity of Highway 44 during the time cattle are in the South unit. Please put one sign next to the Utah State Highway 44 before entering the allotment when traveling southbound and a second sign next to US Highway 191 traveling northbound just after turning onto this highway from Utah State Highway 44. The other two signs should be placed next to the US Highway 191 with one sign located at the north end of the allotment and the second located at the south end of the allotment. Maintenance of these signs, flagging, and flashers are your and Dale's responsibility. All four signs should be up and working one week before cattle enter the South Unit.

Carol, you and Dale asked about the following items that I have considered and addressed below:

- Increase Highway 44 safety with a fulltime rider with increased cattle numbers to

offset the cost of a rider: While I appreciate your thoughts and ideas on how to make Highway 44 safer, I must decline your proposal to hire a rider with the stipulation of allowing extra cattle on your allotment. Experience on the Lonesome Park Allotment and other allotments shows that while a rider may help in reducing vehicular accidents with cattle, a rider is not 100% effective at eliminating these accidents. This is especially true at night. I believe that the strategies we have currently implemented including keeping your cattle in the North unit until after the July 24th weekend, installing four signs with flashers before grazing the South unit, and permittee herding are fairly effective tools in helping us keep cattle off of Highway 44 and warning motorists of cattle in the area.

- Cattleguard maintenance on HWY 44 adjacent to Red Canyon Road: Aaron Zobell and Ross Catron have contacted Jim Archibold, employee of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). They have informed him that this cattleguard needs to be maintained. I expect that maintenance will occur sometime this summer.
- Road maintenance on Forest Road #10376: Dale will be contacting Frank Reed from the Forest Service road crew. Together they will coordinate a date and time when Richie can haul road base to fix several holes in this road.
- Holding pond: Aaron is looking into the feasibility of establishing a trough adjacent to the settling pond as requested by you. He will inform you and Dale when he learns more about the feasibility of this project and as funds become available.
- Reconstruction/construction of Alabama Flat stock pond: Aaron Zobell has contacted our Wildlife Biologist and Archeologist. When he has received their input he will let Dale Anderson know if and when reconstruction/construction of this pond may begin and provide him with guidelines and standards the reconstructed/constructed pond must meet.
- Please close the gate signs: Signs are available at the Flaming Gorge Ranger District upon request. If you are interested please contact Aaron.
- End of season range ride: You and Dale both stated that you would like to conduct a range ride at the end of the grazing season. Please contact Aaron at the end of the season to conduct this ride.

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. We are especially concerned about Dyer's Woad and any other "new" weeds. Please let Aaron know of any new noxious weed infestations so we can keep them from becoming established.

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. I have attached a Grazing Use Record form for you to document your grazing record and return to Aaron at the

end of the grazing season. Any changes to this schedule must be coordinated in advance with him.

You informed us that you are again planning on having range tours of your allotment during this grazing season. Please let Aaron know when those tours will be occurring and any help that you may need.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aaron Zobell at (435) 781-5279. Thanks for your help in managing the Lewis Allen Allotment. We are looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure (1)
Grazing Use Record