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Dear Joe,

This letter references the annual meeting held with your manager Hugh Straatman and Aaron Zobell concerning your grazing permit on the Linwood-South Valley 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 2007 operating instructions are as follows:

LINWOOD-SOUTH VALLEY ALLOTMENT

<u>Numbers, cattle</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dates</u>
200 (Yearlings)	South Linwood Pasture	June 15–June 30
200 (Yearlings)	South Linwood Pasture	July 14–July 27
100 (Yearlings)	North Linwood Pasture*	July 28 – August 4
150 (Yearlings)	South Valley Unit	Sept. 1–Sept. 14

*North Linwood Pond Enclosure only. No grazing is to occur within the North Linwood Pasture that is outside of the enclosure.

At your request and with the recommendation of our Range Specialist, I am allowing the South Linwood pasture within the South Linwood unit to be grazed from June 15th to June 30th, rested from July 1st to July 13th, and then grazed again from July 14th to July 27th for a total of 30 days of grazing.

Also as you requested and at the recommendation of our Range Specialist, I am allowing you to graze 150 yearlings within the South Valley unit from September 1st to September 14th contingent upon the following. First, you prevent drift of cattle into the South Valley unit until your on date of 1st of September. Several times last year Forest Service employees observed cattle including yours within the South Valley unit and already this year approximately a dozen pair of cattle were observed on April 17th within the South Valley unit. Cattle currently within the South Valley unit need to be removed and further grazing of this unit needs cease until your on date. This will ensure that ample forage is available for grazing come 1st of September.

The two changes to your grazing schedule discussed above will be conducted on a trial basis this grazing season. I will not allow grazing the Linwood-South Valley allotment in this manner in upcoming grazing seasons should excessive utilization, resource damage, or other unforeseen negative consequences occur as a result of these changes. However, if this does not occur then there is a strong possibility that we may continue to graze the allotment as described above. I will modify your permit



to account for these changes should this happen.

Hugh asked about the possibility of grazing inside the Linwood Pond exclosure. Aaron Zobell has consulted with our Wildlife Biologist and she agrees that this year would be an excellent year to graze within the exclosure to benefit waterfowl. I anticipate that 100 of your yearlings will graze inside the exclosure for approximately one week. Actual time spent within the Linwood Pond exclosure may vary to reach a utilization level of 50%.

Range improvements that are your maintenance responsibility should be monitored throughout the season. You are required to complete maintenance within each unit before your cattle enter that unit to the standards listed in your permit. All labor and materials needed for maintenance are your responsibility. Salt should not be placed adjacent to any roads or trails and not closer than ¼ mile from water in the South Valley unit. Specific maintenance responsibilities (not excluding maintenance responsibilities found in your permit) needing your attention this year include the following:

- Temporary fencing needs to be installed south of the ditch along the Linwood Road before cattle begin grazing the South Linwood pasture.
- Irrigation work: We have surveyed for nesting neotropical birds in previous field work and our previous wildlife biologist has authorized you to pull existing ditches to improve water distribution as you irrigate the Linwood Pastures. Please make sure the headgate in and the berm located just below the headgate are maintained and that excessive irrigation water does not flow down the old horse road into Birch Spring Draw. All irrigation work needs to meet standards listed in your permit.

We plan to continue Forest Service efforts to reduce Russian knapweed and other noxious weeds on the allotment this year. Hugh mentioned that spotted knapweed might be on the allotment. If this is true, could he please let Aaron know of the location so that we can immediately treat this weed.

Please keep track of all dates, numbers, and any other facts pertinent to the allotment on the attached Grazing Use Record form and let Aaron know as they occur.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aaron Zobell at (435) 781-5279. We look forward to a great summer.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Hugh Straatman

Enclosure (1)
Grazing Use Record