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Dear Alton

The following letter will document the meeting held on May 12, 2014 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the Sweetwater C&H allotment for the 2014 grazing season. The following individuals were present at the meeting:

Person	Permittee
Alton Anker	Willow Stay Ranch, LLC
Jeff Borsini	Borsini Ranches, Inc. & Mike & Tana Powell
Brian Masini	Casino West, Inc
Aaron Coogan	Forest Service
Rixey Jenkins	Forest Service

PERMITTED USE

Permittee	Cow/calf Pairs	Season of Use
Borsini Ranches, Inc.	140	June 16 - October 15
Casino West, Inc.	250	June 16 - October 15
Mike and Tana Powell	241	June 16 - October 15
Willow Stay Ranch, LLC	244	June 16 - October 15

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8 (a). Situations may develop during the grazing season which requires changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

AUTHORIZED USE

Permittee	Unit	Number	Season
Borsini Ranch, Inc	6	100	6/12 - 6/30
	High Country/Jackass & Taylor Valley	100	7/1 - 10/12
Casino West, Inc	1	150	6/12 - 6/30
Mike and Tana Powell	6	20	6/12 - 6/26
	High Country/Jackass & Taylor Valley	20	7/1 - 10/12
Willow Stay Ranch, LLC	2	180	6/12 - 6/21
	3	180	6/22 - 7/11
	High Country	180	7/11 - 10/12

The Rickey Mine Unit will be used to gather before moving the cattle into the High Country.

ALLOWABLE USE

The following allowable use standards apply to the Sweetwater C&H allotment:

Riparian sites:
30% use of the current year's growth of overall species
55% use of the current year's growth of key species

Upland sites:
55% use of the current year's growth of the following key species: Nevada bluegrass, Indian ricegrass, needle and thread grass, western needlegrass, junegrass, and crested wheatgrass.

Streambank disturbance:
20% maximum disturbance by cattle

You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and for moving your cattle to the next unit to be used or off the allotment when the last unit has been grazed. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. If you need assistance determining forage use or streambank disturbance levels, contact Aaron and he will help you.

The authorized season of use is approximate. We would like to emphasize the importance of moving your cattle when allowable use has been reached.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Range improvements listed under part three in your term permit must be maintained before livestock enter allotments. The maintenance standards, also listed in part three of your permit, must be followed when maintaining improvements. Range improvements must be maintained even when there is non-use on an allotment; for whatever reason. As a reminder, as the Term Grazing Permits are written now, every permittee is responsible for maintenance on all structural range improvements.

MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Allotment maps and management requirements for those allotments you are permitted to graze have been provided to you.

The following brands are the only ones authorized to be on the allotment.

Borsini Ranches, Inc.:	DB, TJ Combined R, State of Nevada
Casino West, Inc.:	Lazy S over W, L Bar M
Mike and Tana Powell:	Bar 7 L Bar
Willow Stay Ranch:	Standing Quartercircle I Standing Quartercircle, L Open A over Bar

Place salt at least ¼ mile from water, roads, and trails. If there are specific areas that require salt placement outside these guidelines, you must obtain approval from this office prior to salting. Haul dead livestock at least 100 yards from roads, trails, and water. All garbage and debris associated with managing your livestock on Forest Service allotments must be removed from the National Forest.

If you or your employees spot a wildfire on any of your allotments, report it immediately to the Interagency Dispatch Center in Minden, NV at (775) 883-5995. As a reminder, when the Bridgeport Ranger District enters into fire restrictions during 2014, this restriction applies to your operation as well.

Invasive weeds are becoming a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance is needed to identify new outbreaks of weed populations and to prevent the establishment of weeds on the forest. Pay particular attention to areas where stock are concentrated such as loading/unloading areas, water developments, and salting areas. A Noxious Weed Free Hay order has been implemented on our Forest. This requires any hay that is brought onto the National Forest must be certified free from noxious weeds. All livestock entering the National Forest are recommended to be fed Certified Noxious Weed Free Forage for at least 2 days prior to entering the Forest. Pelletized feed is not affected by this order.

REPORTING

I have included forms for recording your actual use and range improvement maintenance on the allotment. Please complete the forms and return them to my office no later than November 30, 2014.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT

The 2014 grazing fees are the same as 2013. The fee is $1.35 per head month.

As a reminder, approval of requests for permittee convenience nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Approval of a request for permittee convenience non-use must be in writing by the authorized officer. Full or partial permittee convenience nonuse may be approved by the authorized officer for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten year period.

Payment of your grazing bill is due five days prior to your earliest turnout date to allow time for processing. As a reminder the Forest Service is required to give permittees a minimum of 30 days to pay your grazing fees. The Forest Service is requesting that permittees schedule their AOI meeting a minimum of 35 days prior to their earliest on date to provide adequate time to plan for the upcoming grazing season.

The Bridgeport Travel Management Record of Decision was signed on March 5, 2010. With the issuance of this decision all roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use will be identified on a motor vehicle use map (MVUM). As detailed in 36 CFR 261.13; 36 CFR 212.51a the prohibitions on motor vehicle use will not apply to motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal law or regulation (e.g., term grazing permit). Through the 2014 grazing season, you and your employees are authorized to travel on routes within the allotments in your permit to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of your term grazing permit (e.g., improvement maintenance, dead livestock removal).

If you have any questions regarding the Sweetwater C&H allotment please contact Aaron at 760-932-5852.

Sincerely,

/s/Jeff Ulrich
JEFF ULRICH
District Ranger

Encl: Actual Use and Improvement Maintenance Forms
Cc: Jeff Borsini, Mike Powell, Brian Masini