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These are your 2014 Annual Operation Instructions for Midland Land and Livestock allotments and should be considered an extension of your Term Grazing Permit.

As outlined in Craig Trulocks' May 1, 2006 letter to you, I expect each of your four companies to run as a unique entity. The Midland sheep need to be on the allotments outlined below.

Authorized Use for 2014:

Permittee	No. and Class	Permit Area	Season of Use
Midland L & L	1350 E/L 6 H	Muddy Ridge/ Lamreaux Meadows	7/01 – 8/1
		Raid Area	8/1-9/10

As discussed during our meeting, here is how you agreed to operate this season. As always, we need to communicate on a regular basis. Your main FS contact is Barb Franklin at 367-5721 if you/we need make any significant changes. Lou Arambel is the designated agent for Midland.

Midland sheep, (P lazy S) enter via Muddy Ridge and then graze the Muddy Ridge/Lamreaux Meadows area for about 3-4 weeks. These sheep may need to remain down low longer if range readiness is late in the higher country around Raid Lake. This band will move north via the East Fork to the Raid Lake Area when appropriate. Exit via the Fremont Sheep driveway.

It is in your best interest to keep sheep well distributed. We recommend avoiding keeping sheep camps in the same location for more than 5 days. As always, move dates are approximate and will occur based on range conditions.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Permittee will insure that all personnel performing on-the-ground livestock management are thoroughly familiar with the terms of these annual operating instructions and the term grazing permit.

All campsites will be located a minimum of 200 feet from lakes and System Trails and 100 feet from springs, streams and creeks. Livestock will not be tethered or picketed and sheep will not be bedded within 200 feet from lakes and System Trails and 100 feet from springs, streams and creeks.

All campsites used in conjunction with livestock operations will be maintained to present a clean, neat and orderly appearance. Flammable refuse will be completely burned. All unburnable materials will be stored properly until removed to a disposal site off National Forest System lands. Burying of trash is prohibited. Temporary holding pens, corrals, or mangers used for riding stock will be removed or cleaned up when the camp is moved or relocated. Facilities authorized on a permanent basis must be kept clean at all times and cleaned up after its use period. All camps must have a serviceable axe and shovel for fire control.

Any carcass or animal remains will be moved at least 100 yards from live water, trails and roads. Animal carcasses in highly visible areas need to be relocated to more remote areas.

A cache/storage area is allowed in Big Sandy Openings at your usual location. The cache needs to be bear resistant and removed each fall.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT:

The permittee will provide sufficient riders or herders to get proper distribution and management of sheep and cattle on the allotments.

Sheep bedgrounds will not be used more than one night except in emergencies and you must have prior approval of the Forest Officer in charge. Sheep will not be bedded consecutively in the same area. This is why I recommended that your sheep camps are moved every 5 days or so.

Sheep will not be shaded on or near water or trails.

Areas designated as closed to sheep grazing will also be closed to horses and mules used in the sheep tending operation.

Horses and mules used in all operations are not to be picketed or tied so as to create a torn up or trampled site appearance.

Sheep dogs will not harass the public. When sheep are on or near trails heavily used by the public, herders should be present to control herding and guard dogs if necessary.

Fish Creek Park is closed to sheep grazing, salting and bedding. Sheep use in the driveway is to circumvent this area by trailing around the extreme perimeter or edges. Your sheep are not authorized to graze in Fish Creek Park.

Your sheep are not authorized to graze in Big Sandy Openings on the east side of Big Sandy Creek.

WILDERNESS

Allotment activities in the Bridger Wilderness differ from areas on the allotment outside the wilderness as follows:

Improvements will be temporary in nature and removed after use. No standing trees, live or dead will be altered, i.e. notched, nailed, or cut for improvements.

Campfires are allowed except above timberline or within 200 feet of lakes and Forest System Trails or within 100 feet of springs, streams and creeks. Only dead, down wood is allowed for firewood purposes. Camp equipment must include a shovel and bucket for controlling fire. Campfires must be dead out and scattered, rendering the campfire area as natural appearing as possible.

LIVESTOCK PREDATION: All predator control will be in accordance with State and Federal Laws. The permittee and/or their agents shall not use or place poison or devices for predator control on National Forest System Lands. Report all known or suspected black bear, grizzly bear, wolf and mountain lion activity to the proper authorities. For clarification, please refer to the following:

Bear/Lion: WGFD

Coyote/wolf: USDA-APHIS-WS

NOTE: Report all predator activity on or near Forest System Lands to the USDA-FS as well.

Following is a contact list for reporting predator activity:

WGFD (grizzly bear): Pinedale Office, Zack Turnbull, 307-367-4352

USDA-FS: Pinedale Ranger District, 307-367-4326 (Office)

Range, Barb Franklin 307-859-8296 (home) or District Ranger, John Moore 970-640-8203 (cell)

USFWS: Lander Special Agent, Roy Brown 307-332-7607

USDA-APHIS-WS (wolf): Rock Springs Supervisor, Rod Merrill 307-362-7238

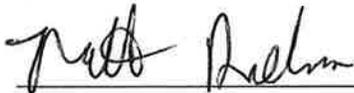
The attached table summarizes your maintenance obligations.

Range inspections may occur several times during the grazing season to check maintenance of range improvements, forage utilization, compliance with the grazing rotation, and other standard requirements.

Because of increasing public use, gates are often left open and livestock stray in to the wrong pasture. In addition, livestock can jump or walk cattle guards, or cattle guards can fill with sediment after one large rainstorm. I realize this is a problem and an inconvenience. However, it is still the permittee's responsibility to keep their animals in the proper unit. Routine checks need to be made by you and your riders. Most of our cattle guards are installed so they maybe cleaned with a shovel.

I have provided an Actual Use Report which you may use to record Actual Use data for the 2014 grazing season. Please record the date and number of livestock turned onto the allotment, the dates the livestock are moved to and from each allotment on the rotation, and the number of livestock removed from the allotment. Accurate records of these dates will help us manage the allotment. In addition, please record labor and cost associated with maintaining the improvements on your allotment. The Forest Service uses these records to help allocate Range Betterment Funds. These funds are used to purchase materials for improvement.

If you have any questions concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please call Barb Franklin at 367-5721. **Prior written approval by the District Ranger is required to amend or change these instructions.** We look forward to the grazing season.



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