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Date: May 21, 2014

Davie & Susan Kern
P.O. Box 32
Paradise Valley, NV 89426

Dear Davie & Susan:

The following letter will document your meeting with Boyd Hatch, on April 30, 2014 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2014 summer grazing season on the Lamance Allotment. The District Ranger must approve any changes to this AOI.

The grazing system on this allotment is deferred rotation. The scheduled dates of use are flexible but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made in the below dates, unless utilization is met and livestock need to be moved to keep from over utilization. The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

Lamance C&H Permitted Use

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Permitted #s</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Keystone Ranch	C/C	120	5/21 – 8/31
Susan & David Kern	C/C	160	5/21 – 8/31

Lamance C&H Authorized Use

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Permitted #s</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Keystone Ranch	C/C	100	5/21 – 8/31
Susan & David Kern	C/C	160	5/21 – 8/31

Proposed Authorized use if Lamance Pasture is not recovered enough to graze from the Hanson fire.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SEASON</u>
1. Lamance	260	Rest
2. Dry Creek	260	May 21– June 30
3. Upper Cottonwood	260	July 1 – August 31

Proposed Authorized use if Lamance Pasture has sufficiently recovered enough to graze from the Hanson fire. We will determine this prior to June 20 in order to meet this rotation.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SEASON</u>
1. Dry Creek	260	May 21– June 20
2. Upper Cottonwood	260	June 21 – July 31
3. Lamance	260	Aug. 1 – Aug. 31



Permitted Livestock Brands:



Brands Provided by NV Dept. Ag online 2008 brand book at: <http://agri.nv.gov/indexLivestock2.htm>

COMPLIANCE:

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). The scheduled dates of use are flexible but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made in the below dates. Other 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 The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

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. We have implemented a Noxious Weed Free Hay order on the forest. This will require any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to 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.

Weeds will likely increase due to the Hansen fire, please help us locate any new infestations so we can quickly treat them.

BILLING:

Grazing fees remained unchanged from last year. The fee is now \$1.35 per head month. You are able to pay USDA Forest Service, C/O Citibank, P.O. Box 301550, Los Angeles, CA 90030-1550, online at WWW.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY, or at the district office.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Type of Rotation: Deferred Rotation.

STANDARDS AND GUIDES:

Drought is very likely this summer it will be essential that you keep in mind that timing for moving your livestock is determined by utilization or actual use. It is important not to put additional stress on the vegetation by over utilization/grazing. Please keep in mind that if the range does not receive more moisture to support the time frames discussed the livestock may need to come off early this year.

You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and for moving your cattle to the next unit in your rotation or off the allotment when allowable use has been reached. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. If you need assistance determining use levels or locating key areas, please contact Boyd. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas.

RIPARIAN SITES:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Dry Creek	65%
S. Fork Hanson Cr., N. Fork Hanson Cr., Lamance Cr., and Little Cottonwood Cr. (all below wilderness boundary)	55%
S. Fork Hanson Cr., N. Fork Hanson Cr., Lamance Cr., and Little Cottonwood Cr. (all above wilderness boundary)	45%
All riparian shrubs such as Willows and Aspen	35%

UPLAND SITES:

Use is 65% on upland sites. Key species are: mountain brome, basin wildrye, Sandberg bluegrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, squirreltail, and Idaho fescue. Use is 50% on upland browse species such as serviceberry, bitterbrush, sagebrush, and snowberry.

IMPROVEMENTS:

Range improvements listed in part three of your grazing permit must be maintained before cattle enter the allotments. The maintenance standards listed in part three of your term permit must be followed when maintaining the improvements. As you're doing water trough maintenance please install wildlife ramps in all troughs that currently don't have them. We have several new ramps completed at the Paradise Valley Ranger Station. Please let Dave Kern or Boyd know when you are going to pick them up and they will make sure they are available.

PERMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS:

Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water, roads, and trails. Place salt at least ¼ mile from water sources and in areas lightly grazed to encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range. In situations where terrain does not allow proper placement of salt, please contact Boyd and he will determine a suitable location with your input.

REQUIRED REPORTING:

Actual use and range improvement maintenance forms have been included for you to complete and return at the end of the grazing season. Please return the forms following the 2014 grazing season by November 30, 2014.

COORDINATION & COOPERATION:

If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the interagency dispatch center in Winnemucca, NV at (775) 623-1555 or 1-800-535-6076.

MAPS, FORMS & ATTACHMENTS:

Allotment map showing pasture and fence responsibilities have been attached to this AOI.

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.

OTHER:

This summer we talked about the reconstruction of the Upper Lamance and Cottonwood fence, material are at the Paradise Guard station. We will also try and find the water source in dry creek pasture on Vic Spring Trough.

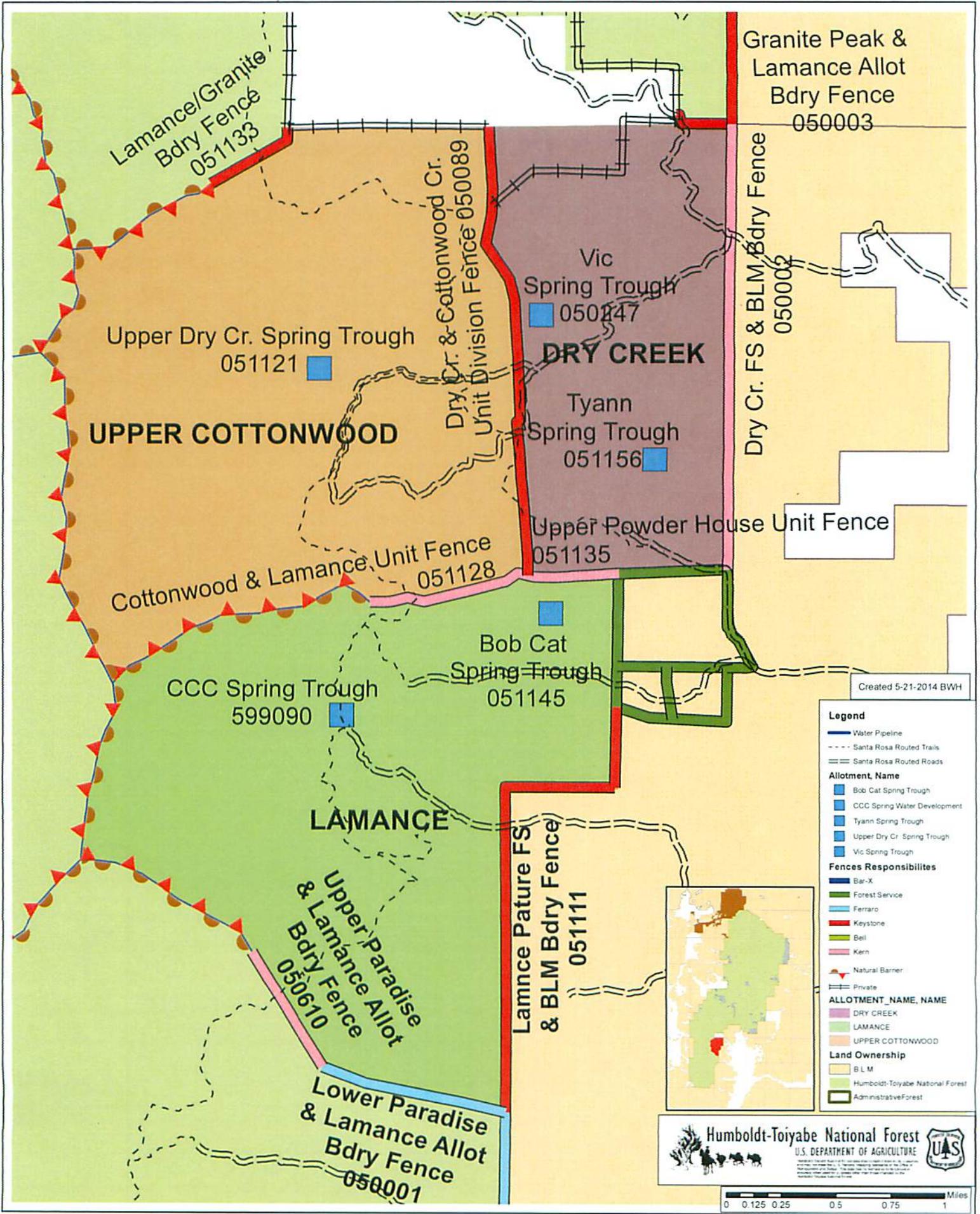
If you have any questions or concerns this grazing season, please call Boyd at (775) 623-5025 x 119.

Sincerely,

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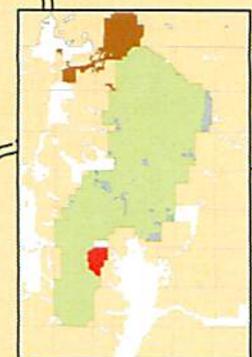
DUNCAN LEAO
Acting District Ranger

LAMANCE C&H ALLOTMENT
FENCES AND WATER DEVELOPMENTS

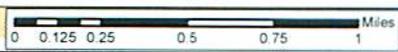


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- Legend**
- Water Pipeline
 - Santa Rosa Routed Trails
 - Santa Rosa Routed Roads
- Allotment, Name**
- Bob Cat Spring Trough
 - CCC Spring Water Development
 - Tyann Spring Trough
 - Upper Dry Cr Spring Trough
 - Vic Spring Trough
- Fences Responsibilities**
- Bar-X
 - Forest Service
 - Ferraro
 - Keystone
 - Bell
 - Kern
 - Natural Barrier
 - Private
- ALLOTMENT_NAME, NAME**
- DRY CREEK
 - LAMANCE
 - UPPER COTTONWOOD
- Land Ownership**
- BLM
 - Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
 - Administrative Forest



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



2014

LAMANCE C&H ALLOTMENT

SANTA ROSA RANGER DISTRICT

Recommended by: _____ Date: _____
Rangeland Management Specialist

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____
Permittee

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
District Ranger

Please sign and date this cover sheet and return to my office. Upon signature by the District Ranger, these Annual Operating Instructions are hereby made a part of your Term Grazing Permit.

As permittee, my signature on these Annual Operating Instructions certifies that there is no change to my permitted livestock or base property ownership as described in my grazing permit.