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Dear Rick and David,

This letter serves as your 2014 Annual Operating Instructions for the Challis Creek Allotment and should be considered an extension of the Term Grazing Permit # 20068. Prior approval by the District Ranger is required to amend or change these instructions.

Permitted Use

Permittee	No. and Class	Permit Type	Season of Use	Head Months
Rick Philps	175 Cow/calf	Term	06/15 – 09/14	529
Mitch Corrigan	51 Cow/calf	Term	06/15 – 09/14	154

Authorized Use for 2014

Permittee	No. and Class	Permit Type	Season of Use	Head Months
Rick Philps	110 Cow/calf	Term	06/15 – 9/1	360
Mitch Corrigan	Non-Use	Term	none	0

Pasture Rotation

Unit	Number	On-Date	Off-Date
Slab Barn	110 Cow/calf	06/15	07/31
Mosquito	110 Cow/calf	08/01	09/01
Jeff’s Flat South	0	Rest	Rest
Jeff’s Flat North	0	Rest	Rest

The on-dates listed above are only a guide. Actual turn out will be when range readiness occurs. Moves from unit to unit must occur before forage utilization standards have been met, and no later than the scheduled off-date. It is critical that standards be met in all units at the end of the 2014 grazing season.

Utilization Standards

1. Livestock grazing in the **uplands** during the grazing season is managed up to 50% use on key herbaceous species on the allotment.
2. Riparian areas should retain a minimum of 4 inches of stubble height on herbaceous use vegetation by the end of the growing season in Slab Barn.



3. Riparian area use standards in Mosquito pasture are outlined in the table below.

Unit – Creek	Monitoring Attribute	Use Indicator	Key Species	Trigger
Mosquito Flat	Greenline stubble	6 in	<i>Carex</i>	7 in
	Bank alteration	< 20%	N/A	15%
	Browse Use	< 30%	Willow/Alder/Birch	25%

Permittee’s Management Responsibilities

1. Three days prior to initial cattle turn-out, please inform the authorized officer in charge.
2. It is your responsibility, to insure livestock are moved before utilization levels are exceeded. You must notify the Rangeland Management Specialist of this move.
3. Riding and herding are necessary to properly distribute livestock. You must provide a rider throughout the grazing season to maintain proper distribution of cattle, reduce use in riparian areas, and prevent concentrated use by livestock that could result in portions of the pasture becoming over-utilized.
4. *Use of riparian areas needs to be carefully monitored by you to know when it is time to move livestock to the next unit and to avoid exceeding standards. Do not rely on range personnel to monitor use.*
5. Salt should be placed on accessible range at least ¼ to ½ mile from permanently located watering places, riparian zones, meadows and other areas where cattle naturally congregate. Placement should be in upland areas where additional forage utilization is desired. Salting areas should be moved annually to avoid permanent damage around salting grounds. Do not use the same salting grounds year after year.
6. With multiple-uses on the forest, gates are often left open and cattle stray into the wrong pasture. We realize this is a problem and an inconvenience. However, it is still your responsibility to keep your animals in the proper unit. Cattle found in the wrong units or allotments should be returned immediately to the correct pasture. Routine checks need to be made by you and/or your rider.
7. Any carcass or animals remains will be moved at least 100 yards from water, trails and roads within 24 hours of notification by the Rangeland Management Specialist.
8. Under Special Order # 04-00-097 all hay, straw or mulch brought onto the forest for the feeding of horses must be Certified Weed Free.
9. I am requesting that you be a pro-active partner in the prevention and inventory of noxious weeds on your allotment and adjacent National Forest System lands. All

equipment which is used off of open roads on federal lands (for range improvement maintenance, or other management activities) should be cleaned and free of noxious weeds and their seeds prior to coming onto National Forest System lands. Please share your knowledge of known noxious weed infestations with your Range Management Specialist.

10. *The move-off date is the date you must have all cattle off the Allotment, not the day to start moving cattle off the Allotment.*

Additional Permittee Terms and Conditions to Mitigate Impacts from the 2013 Lodgepole Fire

The length of time the Challis Creek Allotment can be grazed by livestock in 2014 is contingent upon your ability to keep livestock out of unauthorized areas – any burned area and Mill Creek - and by adhering to the grazing use standards.

1. All trailing through the Jeff's Flat South unit must be active and supervised. Your cows are not to be left in this pasture for any length of time on their way to the Slab Barn grazing unit. Lingering in any burned areas or areas that were impacted by fire suppression activities (e.g. dozer or hand lines) are not authorized.
2. The Slab Barn and Jeff's Flat boundary fences must be repaired prior to livestock entering the Challis Creek Allotment.
3. The Slab Barn water development and pipeline must be fully functional to ensure water is available in all troughs. Enough water must be provided for the authorized livestock prior to the livestock entering the allotment.
4. To prevent livestock from entering burned areas, the installation and maintenance of the Slab Barn temporary electric protection fence is your responsibility as the permittee. See attached map. This will require daily inspection and maintenance as found necessary. If controlling cattle with the electric fence in the Slab Barn unit proves unsuccessful, you may be allowed to move into the Mosquito Flat unit early but the authorized season will be shortened accordingly.
5. The fence associated with the new cattle guard in the Mosquito Flat unit must be installed by you before July 31, 2014.
6. Any problems with range improvements or livestock getting into burned areas or accessing Mill Creek need to be communicated to the Forest Service and fixed within 24 hours. If cows enter the burned areas regularly, the permittee will be given a verbal warning. If an additional infraction occurs, all livestock must be removed from the allotment immediately.

Range Improvements

The Forest Service will provide materials for the temporary electric fence materials and charger will be provided, and the materials for the wing fence associated with the new cattleguard. The reconstruction and maintenance of existing range improvements and the construction of the new improvements listed below are your responsibility.

Fences

You as the permittee must inspect the fences below prior to turnout to ensure they are fully functional.

1. Jeff's Flat South and Slab Barn Boundary Fence #220226,
2. The temporary Slab Barn electric burned area protection fence,
3. Mill Creek Boundary and Divide Fence #220257, and
4. The wing fence associated with the new cattle guard.

Water Developments

1. As stated above, the Slab Barn water development spring box, pipeline, and troughs # 220577 will need to be functional prior to livestock turnout.
2. No ground disturbing activities or new construction should be conducted on the Forest by the permittee or their personnel without approval from the District Ranger. Materials for replacement and heavy maintenance will be provided to the permittee by the Forest Service as funding allows. Materials for normal yearly maintenance are the responsibility of the permittee.

Other Considerations

Thank you for your recent work to maintain the structural improvements on your allotment. Range inspections may occur several times during the grazing season to check maintenance of range improvements, forage utilization, and compliance with this year's grazing rotation. You are invited to participate in inspections conducted on the allotment. We will try to contact you a few days in advance to let you know when we will be looking at your allotment.

Lastly, enclosed is a Year End Grazing Report for you to record actual use data for 2014 and range improvement needs for future grazing season. Please record the date and number of livestock turned onto the allotment, the dates livestock are moved to and from each pasture, and the date livestock are removed off the allotment. Accurate records of these dates, maintenance work completed, and future range improvement needs must be returned to our office by December 1, 2014. The Forest Service uses these records to help allocate range betterment funds

which are used to purchase materials for improvement reconstruction.

If you have any questions regarding these Annual Operating Instructions, please contact Barry Dopp, Range Management Specialist, at 208-879-4100. We look forward to working with you this grazing season.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE L. WOOD
District Ranger

Enclosures

Salmon-Challis National Forest

Challis-Yankee Fork & Middle Fork Ranger Districts

Please fill out this report and return one copy to the District Ranger by: December 1, 2014.

Allotment Name: Challis Creek

Permittee: Rick Philps & David Philps

Actual Number Grazed:

Cows _____ Calves _____ Bulls _____ Horses _____ Ewes _____ Lambs _____

Unit	Number	Date In	Date Out

Losses	Number	Value	Causes of Losses
Cow			
Calves			
Bulls			
Horses			

Calf Weights: On _____ Off _____

Maintenance of Range Improvements:

Permittee Costs for Material \$ _____
 Permittee Man Hours Invested _____ @\$ _____ per hour
 Herding: Days Spent by Permittee _____ @\$ _____ per day
 Days Spent by Rider _____ @\$ _____ per day
 Salting: Amount Placed _____ \$ _____ per unit

Other Costs:
