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Jeff Borsini
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Dear Jeff:

The following letter will document the meeting held on April 20, 2015 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the Sweetwater C&H allotment for the 2015 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

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	Number	Season of Use
Borsini Ranch, Inc	120	June 18 – October 18
Casino West, Inc	140	June 18 – October 18
Mike and Tana Powell	20	June 18 – October 18
Willow Stay Ranch, LLC	190	June 18 – October 18

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

All permittees on the allotment will be taking partial non-use for resource protection due to drought. Borsini Ranch will be in 14% non-use, Casino West will be in 44% non-use, Mike and Tana Powell will be in 92% non-use, and the Willow Stay Ranch will be in 22% non-use. This non-use will not count against the permittees as personal convenience non-use.



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.

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 2015, 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, 2015. Failure to return actual use and improvement maintenance forms may result in **NON-COMPLIANCE** with the terms and conditions of your permit.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT

The 2015 grazing fees have been increased from last year. The fee is \$1.69 per head month.

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 2015 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,

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/Jeff Ulrich/

JEFF ULRICH
District Ranger

Enclosures: Actual Use and Improvement Maintenance Forms