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Dear Hot Springs Permittees,

The following letter will document your meeting with Ingrid Drieling and Mark Bonner on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the **Hot Springs C&H** allotment for the 2015 grazing season. The authorized use for the Hot Springs allotment for cattle with the G, 7♥, 5<sup>U</sup>, and H brands will be as follows:

**Permitted Use**

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Hot Springs C&H	V. Don Olson	47 c/c	70	6/01-7/15
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**Authorized Use for the 2015 Grazing Season**

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<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>Hot Springs C&amp;H</b>	Reservoir (BLM)	68 c/c	52	5/01-5/25
	Hot Springs (BLM)	68 c/c	64	5/26-6/25
	Sevenmile (FS & BLM)*	68 c/c	45	6/26-7/15

\***ALL** permittees will enter the Forest Sevenmile unit in the same location when leaving the adjoining BLM allotment. This will facilitate even distribution and use.

Only cattle with the the G, 7♥, 5<sup>U</sup>, and H brands will be authorized to graze on the Hot Springs C&H allotment. The Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit as per Part 2, Item 8(a) of the General Provisions and Regulations.

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. Dates listed in the authorized use section may vary based on management needs or range readiness and proper use standards. **If changing unit move dates becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with**

**some part of these instructions, contact Tina Ruffing, the Rangeland Management Specialist assigned to your allotment, and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.** Changes can be made based on resource objectives, provided the changes are first approved and documented by an authorized officer. Any extension of use beyond the permitted dates will not be authorized.

### **Allowable Use**

The allowable use standards for the Hot Springs C&H are listed below. It is your responsibility to be aware and recognize utilization and alteration standards. You must move your livestock to the next unit planned, or off the allotment, when those standards have been met. If you need assistance determining utilization levels please contact Tina and she will assist you. **Once cattle are removed from a unit in accordance with use standards and unit scheduling, they are not allowed to return. Please ensure you clean all livestock from your units.** The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. Monitoring typically occurs within two weeks of your unit move date. Please contact Tina if you would like to join range personnel when monitoring is done on your allotment.

### **Hot Springs C&H**

Riparian sites:

A maximum of 50% use on the current year's growth of key riparian species.

Upland sites:

Maximum of 50% use of current annual growth of key herbaceous species.

### **Actual Use and Improvement Maintenance Reports**

Your accurate documentation of actual use and maintenance is vital to the yearly allotment record. Numbers, move dates, riding and photos are all items used to compile End of Year reports written by your Rangeland Management Specialist. These reports are submitted yearly to the service agencies and published on the web.

Actual use and range improvement maintenance forms have been included for you to complete and return within 30 days of your off date.

### **Range Improvements**

Range improvements listed in Part 3 of your grazing permit **must** be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment. Contact Tina to discuss materials and supplies for any improvements that are in need of re-construction.

You were provided with an improvement list and map to document the condition of the Range Improvements on your allotment. Please complete the document and return it to your Rangeland Management Specialist.

### **General Management**

The grazing fees for 2015 are the base rate of \$1.69 per head month. Payment of your grazing bill is due prior to your earliest turnout date.

The Salmon-Challis Travel Management Record of Decision was signed December 24, 2009. With the issuance of this decision, all roads and trails designated for motorized use are shown on a motor vehicle

use map (MVUM). Motor vehicle use maps may be obtained at any Salmon-Challis Ranger District office. 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. **Effective March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Salmon Challis National Forest requires a Vehicle Use Permit, signed by the District Ranger, for ALL closed roads or off road travel. This must be displayed in windshield for Trucks or carried on ATV's, UTV's and Motorcycles. Contact your Rangeland Management Specialist to obtain a Vehicle Use Permit for any closed road or off-road travel.**

Approval of requests for personal convenience and resource protection nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Requests for non-use must be done in writing and the approval of a request for 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.

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.

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. We have implemented a Noxious Weed Free Hay order on our Forest. This will require any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free from noxious weeds.

If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center in Salmon, ID at (208) 756-5157.

If you have any questions regarding any of the allotments for which you have permits, please call Tina Ruffing at (208) 756-5226 or myself at (208) 756-5247.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jay T. Winfield*

JAY WINFIELD  
District Ranger

cc: Dan French, Randy Goodell  
Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Records