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Pete and Rama Paris Family Trust
C/O Pete Paris

Dear Pete,

The following letter will document your meeting with Andy Kelher Rangeland Management Specialist on February 19, 2010 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2010 summer grazing season on the Belmont C&H, Home Place C&H and the Corta S&G allotments.

The grazing system on these allotments is season long. The scheduled dates of use are flexible but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made in the below dates. The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

**BELMONT C&H, HOME PLACE C&H AND CORTA S&G ALLOTMENTS
PERMITTED USE**

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Permitted #</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Belmont C&H	c/c	100	6/1 – 9/30
Home Place C&H	c/c	25	6/16 - 9/30
Corta S&G	Ewes/Lambs	1100	6/16 – 10/30
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Corta S&G	Ewes/Lambs	1100	6/16 – 10/30
Corta S&G	Dry Ewes	1510	6/16 – 10/30

**BELMONT C&H
AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Belmont	c/c	100	5/16 – 7/16
Merkley	c/c	100	7/17 – 9/30

**HOME PLACE PEAK C&H
AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Home Place	c/c	25	6/16 - 9/30

**CORTA S&G
AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Corta (Band #1)	S&G	1100	6/16 - 10/15



**CORTA S&G
AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Corta (Band #2)	S&G	1100	6/16 - 10/15

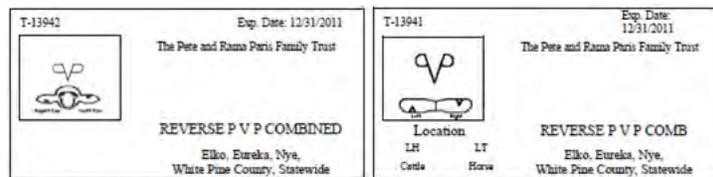
**CORTA S&G
AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Corta (Band #3)	S&G	1100	6/16 - 10/15

**CORTA S&G
AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Corta (Band #4)	Dry Ewes	1510	6/16 - 10/15

Permitted Livestock Brands:



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. 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 livestock 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.

BILLING:

Grazing fees remained unchanged from last year. The fee is \$1.35 per head month for cattle and \$.27 for sheep.

Due Date:

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.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Type of Rotation: Season Long.

STANDARDS AND GUIDES:

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 Peter or Andy. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas.

RIPARIAN SITES: Belmont C&H

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
S. Cass House Creek, Cass House Creek, Belmont Creek and within 300 ft of Category 3 and 4 seeps and springs	50% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Riparian browse	35% of current year's growth of riparian shrubs such as willows, cottonwoods, and aspen.

UPLAND SITES: Belmont C&H

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
All upland sites	50% use of key species mountain brome, bluebunch wheatgrass, basin wildrye, Sandberg bluegrass, Idaho fescue, squirrtail.
Upland browse	40% of current year's growth snowberry, serviceberry, mahogany, bitterbrush.

RIPARIAN SITES: Home Place C&H

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Mitchell Creek all forks and within 300 ft of Category 3 and 4 seeps and springs	35% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Riparian browse	35% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.

UPLAND SITES: Home Place C&H

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
All upland sites	55% use of key species mountain brome, bluebunch wheatgrass, basin wildrye, Sandberg bluegrass, Idaho fescue, squirrtail.
Upland browse	50% of current year's growth snowberry, serviceberry, mahogany, bitterbrush.

RIPARIAN SITES: Corta S&G

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Mitchell Creek (from sec.5, T.26N., R.57E. east) North Fork Mitchell Creek (from sec.31, T.27N., R.57E. east) Green Mountain Creek, Pearl Creek, Pearl Lake, Burro Lake, Brown Creek, McCutcheon Creek (from point of diversion east) Gennette Creek, Smith Creek, North Fork Smith Creek Middle Fork Smith Creek, South Fork Smith Creek, Cottonwood Creek, North Fork Lindsay Creek, Willow Creek,	35% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.

Hankin Creek and within 300 ft of Category 1 and 2 seeps and springs	
Harrison Pass Creek, Tony Creek, Mitchell Creek (from Sec.6, T. 26N., R.57E. west) North Fork Mitchell Creek (from Sec.6, T. 27N., R.57E. west), Cass House Creek, South Fork Cass House Creek, Indian Creek, Corral Creek, Little Cottonwood Creek, Middle Fork Lindsay Creek, McCutcheon Creek (from point of ditch diversion west), Gilbert Creek, Dry Creek and within 300 ft of Category 3 and 4 seeps and springs	50% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Sestanovich Creek, Sherman Creek, Gardner Creek and within 300 ft of Category 5 seeps and springs	55% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Riparian browse	35% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.

UPLAND SITES: Corta S&G

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
All upland sites	55% use of key species mountain brome, bluebunch wheatgrass, basin wildrye, Sandberg bluegrass, Idaho fescue, squirrltail.
Upland browse	45% of current year's growth snowberry, serviceberry, mahogany, bitterbrush.

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.

PERMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS:

Graze the allotment using open herding in a once over pattern. Do not bed or noon sheep in aspen stands or in the same place more than once during the grazing season. Do not bed or noon sheep within 100 yards from water or meadows. Salt must be placed at least ¼ mile from water, meadows, trails and roads used by the public.

Herder's camps must be kept clean at all times. All garbage and debris associated with managing your sheep on the National Forest must be removed. Dead sheep must be moved at least 100 yards from water, roads and trails. If your herders spot a wild fire please report it to the Interagency Dispatch Center in Elko at (775) 748-4000.

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 2010 grazing season by December 31, 2010.

MAPS, FORMS & ATTACHMENTS:

Allotment map showing pasture rotation and approximated rotation dates has been attached to your AOI. The scheduled dates of use are flexible but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made in the below dates. The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned 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.

If you have any questions or concerns this grazing season, please call Peter or Andy at (775) 752-3357.

Sincerely,

GAR ABBAS
District Ranger

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