



File Code: 2210/2230

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Peter Ferraro  
Ferraro Cattle Company

Dear Peter:

The following letter will document your meeting with Boyd Hatch, on March 30, 2010 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2010 summer grazing season on the Paradise Allotment. The District Ranger must approve any changes to this AOI.

The grazing system on this allotment is rest 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. The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

**PARADISE C&H  
PERMITTED USE**

Allotment	Class	Number	Season
Paradise C&H	c/c	500	5/21 - 8/31

**PARADISE C&H  
AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Able Riparian	c/c	300	5/27 – 6/10
Lower Abel Seeding	c/c	300	6/11 – 6/29
Upper Able Seeding	c/c	300	6/30 – 7/18
Singas	c/c	300	7/19 - 8/26
Abel Creek	c/c	300	8/27 – 10/5
Stonehouse	c/c	REST	REST
Wash O’neal	c/c	REST	REST
Provo	c/c	REST	REST

District ranger authorizes to reduce 200 c/c pairs and increased the season of use to offset reduction in numbers. The permitted head months for this allotment are 1693 HM’s and reduced down to 1361 HM’s, authorized use this year will be reduced by 332 HM’s. It will still be critical that you intensively manage cattle this year to encourage even distribution of use. Riparian areas will need extra monitoring and when utilization is met livestock will need to be moved to the next pasture or off the allotment. As in past years authorized use of both seeding units is an option if water in the lower seeding unit is not available, but you will need to tell us if you are exercising this option one week in advance.



**Permitted Livestock Brands:**

Five Finger / Ferraro	IB	IB LH
	Σ	Lazy K N Combined LH/LSH

**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 3 days prior to entering the Forest.

**BILLING:**

Grazing fees remained unchanged from last year. The fee is now \$1.35 per head month.

**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.

**LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT**

**Type of Rotation:** Rest Rotation.

**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 in riparian, meadow or any other areas within your grazing permit. 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 Boyd. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas.

**RIPARIAN SITES:**

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Lower Abel Creek Riparian Pasture Upper Abel Creek, and within 300 ft of Category 1 seeps and springs	<b>35%</b> use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Singus Creek, Morey Creek, Wash O Neal, Provo, upland riparian inside wilderness, and within 300 ft of Category 2 seeps and springs	<b>45%</b> use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Category 3 Stonehouse Creek, upland riparian outside the wilderness, and within 300 ft of Category 3 seeps and springs	<b>60%</b> use of grasses, rushes and sedges.

**UPLAND SITES:**

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
All upland sites not listed	<b>65%</b> use of key species mountain brome, bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, squirrtail.
Abel Creek (upper and lower)	<b>50%</b> use of key species mountain brome, bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, squirrtail
Abel Seeding	<b>50%</b> use of crested and intermediate wheatgrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, and Idaho fescue
Upland Browse	<b>50%</b> of current years growth snowberry, serviceberry, mahogany, bitterbrush

**REST UNITS:** Provo, Wash O'neal, and Stonehouse.

**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, Boyd or Peter 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 Peter or Boyd and they 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 2010 grazing season by October 30, 2010.

**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 pastures and your fence maintenance has been attached to your 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 Info Discussed:**

Drift fence to be constructed in the Provo pasture. Future projects are fence reconstruction in FY12 1/8 mile in riparian field, and 1/8 mile in dry creek. Danny is going to help while you are in California and will be contacted if problems arise in you permit.

If you have any questions or concerns this grazing season, please call Peter or Boyd at (775) 623-5025 x 5.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jeffrey L. Ulrich*  
JEFFREY L. ULRICH  
District Ranger

# Paradise C&H Allotment

