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Gary Bencochea
NFC Land & Cattle, LLC

Dear Gary:

This letter documents your meeting with Boyd Hatch, on March 23, 2010 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2010 summer grazing season on the Quinn River 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.

**QUINN RIVER C&H
PERMITTED SEASON of USE & NUMBERS**

Allotment	Class	Number	Season
Quinn River C&H	c/c	400	4/15 - 9/1
Quinn River C&H	c/c	2400	5/15 - 9/1

**QUINN RIVER C&H
AUTHORIZED SEASON of USE & NUMBERS**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
001 Quinn Riparian	Yearlings	400	4/15 - 6/15
002 Long Canyon	Yearlings	400	6/15-7/30
003 South Fork East	c/c	1900	5/15 - 6/16
003 South Fork West	c/c	1900	6/17-7/16
002 Long Canyon	c/c & year	2300	7/17-9/1
006 Goosy Lake	c/c	REST	REST
004 Laca	c/c	1900	May use upper end In conjunction with SF East
005 Laca Riparian	c/c	REST	REST



NON-USE: Resource protection non-use is authorized for 500 c/c due to continued drought conditions on the Quinn River Allotment. Authorized using both South Fork and Long Canyon at the same time due to lack of water. Going to move heifers from Quinn Riparian to Long Canyon and put some cows over into Long Canyon when the cows come into the South Fork pasture. If there is enough forage able to keep the cattle off the riparian area may use the upper end of Laca pasture.

PERMITTED LIVESTOCK BRANDS:

NFC	CS	C reverse S LH/LR
		Triangle hanging Lazy S LH/LR
	IX	IX RR/RH
	E	TE combined LST HORSES
	HM	HM combined LH/LR
	J	Flying J LH/LR
	A	A quarter circle Combined LH/LR
	LO	LO LH/LR

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

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, upland or other areas listed in your 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 Boyd. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas.

RIPARIAN SITES:

AREA	% ALLOWABLE USE
Anderson Crk Unit 2	60%
Long Canyon Creek unit 2 and all wet meadows	50%
E. Fork Quinn Unit 1 and Chicken Creek Unit 3	45%
S. Fork Quinn River Unit 3, Laca Creek Unit 4, Goosey Lake Creek 5, and E. Fork Quinn Unit 6,	40%
E. Fork Quinn Unit 2, E. Fork Quinn Unit 3, Klondike Canyon 3, and all other riparian shrubs such as willows	35%
E. Fork Quinn Unit 6	15%

UPLAND SITES:

Key Species: Use is 60% on upland sites. Key species are: mountain brome, basin wild rye, Sandberg bluegrass, blue bunch wheatgrass, squirrel tail, and Idaho fescue.

REST UNITS:

Laca Riparian, Goosey Lake Units will be rested this year, livestock are authorized to trail through in order to get to the South Fork Unit and Long Canyon Unit. Laca Unit may be used if needed to relieve pressure on other units. If the Laca Unit is to be used contact either Boyd Hatch or Peter Gula at least two weeks prior to use so that they can determine the condition of the unit. Due to the issues of trespass livestock in this unit we will verify the amount of available forage and water to determine if this unit can be used.

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 available at the Paradise Valley Ranger Station. Please let Dave Kern, Boyd or Peter know when you are going to pick ramps 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. You are authorized to trail across the Laca unit as you move your livestock from the Goosey Lake Unit to the South Fork Unit. You are also authorized to move your main herd of livestock onto the forest across the Laca Unit to the South Fork Unit. Please move livestock through the Laca Unit as quickly as possible to prevent any measurable use on this rested unit.

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 Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center in Winnemucca, NV at (775) 623-1555 or 1-800-535-6076.

MAPS, FORMS & ATTACHMENTS:

An allotment map showing pastures, and permittees yearly required fence maintenance is attached to the 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 Topics Discussed:

Gary asked for an updated map of the Allotment.

We talked about starting to get the process started for reconstruction of the fence line between Wild Bill, N. Fork, and Martin Basin Allotments. We will look to see if it will be possible to use a cat/dozer to clean the fenceline (Fiscal Year 12).

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

