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Date: June 5, 2010

Kirk Mader

Dear Kirk:

The following letter will document your meeting with Boyd Hatch, on March 25, 2010 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2010 summer grazing season. The District Ranger must approve any changes to this AOI. This year will be implementing the Martin Basin EIS and this allotment will be following the criteria within the record of decision (ROD) signed by the Forest Supervisor Edward C. Monnig October 30, 2009. You have a copy of the ROD and need to adhere with its stipulations.

A rest rotation grazing system will be implemented on the Martin Basin C&H allotment. 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.

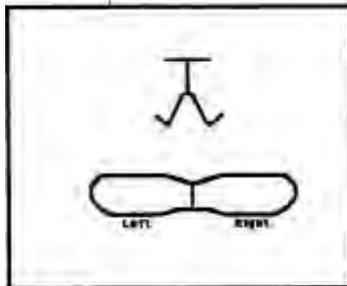
**WESTSIDE FLAT CREEK C&H
PERMITTED USE**

Allotment	Class	Number	Season
Westside Flat Creek C&H	c/c	461	6/1 - 8/25

**WESTSIDE FLAT CREEK C&H
AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
North	c/c	REST	REST
South	c/c	461	6/1 - 8/25

Permitted Livestock Brands:



Location

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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. 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: Rest Rotation.

STANDARDS AND GUIDES

The Martin Basin rangeland Project Decision (ROD) updated the Martin Basin AMP. Those changes are incorporated in the 2010 AOI and the revised AMP will be finalized by October 30, 2010 after field testing. Also new permits will be issued to each of the permittees affected by the Martin Basin ROD by October, 30 2010. The Annual Operating Instruction (AOI) will go into detail on the grazing program that will be in place for the Martin Basin Allotment; this permit will explain the detail of the grazing season of 2010.

The West Side Flat Creek C&H Allotment Management Plan (AMP) is being developed for this permit which will include the standards and guidelines which are listed below, from the Martin Basin EIS that are appropriate to livestock grazing. These standards and guidelines will be used to administer grazing on this allotment until an updated AMP is developed.

The permittee shall notify the District Ranger three (3) days prior to the date of entry of livestock onto National Forest System Lands.

New salt location must be approved by the District Ranger through site visits where district staff and permittee will agree on suitable location, meeting the Martin Basin ROD (ROD appendix B).

Actual use and range improvement maintenance will be recorded for each grazing season and information provided to the District Ranger at the close of the grazing season in accordance with the AOI.

The permittee is responsible for monitoring utilization at key areas and providing information to the District Ranger at the close of the grazing season in accordance with the AOI.

The livestock will graze only upon the specified grazing allotment and only during the permitted grazing period. Any grazing use in excess of that authorized will be treated as a violation of the terms and conditions of the permit.

Livestock will graze only within the specified areas within the boundaries indicated on the map located on page seven of this temporary grazing permit.

The ROD outlines the management objectives and references the specific criteria within the FEIS. This grazing season we will be following the livestock management tools found in the Martin Basin ROD as it outlines the utilization standards/proper use criteria and the design features. The ROD references the Martin Basin FEIS and expands on it in appendix G pg G-1, assessing range readiness for soil moisture appendix D, and the Matrices to guide the determination of vegetation conditions, appendix B.

UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Each vegetation group and pasture within the allotment has allowable use standards with which you must comply. It is the permittee's responsibility to determine when allowable use has been reached and to move or remove your livestock to meet these allowable use standards. The Forest Service is responsible to monitor your compliance with these standards. You must move your cattle according to the tentative scheduled dates in the Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) or when allowable use is reached, whichever comes first. You must begin gathering your cattle in advance so that no cattle remain in any area that has reached allowable use. It is important that we know where your cattle are located throughout the grazing season (i.e. which unit they are in). In the event that you need to make changes in the scheduled dates in order to comply with the allowable use standards, please notify this office.

HERBACEOUS - the figures shown below are the maximum allowable use or maximum utilization on browse standards shown by pasture.

WEST SIDE FLAT CREEK ALLOTMENT HERBACEOUS UTILIZATION STANDARDS			
Vegetative Group	Current Condition	In-Season Trigger	Maximum Utilization Standard
NORTH UNIT			
Riparian Areas	Functioning-at-risk	35%	35%
Uplands	Functioning-at-risk	40%	40%
Wyoming big sage	Functioning-at-risk	30%	30%
Aspen	Functioning	45%	45%
Meadows	Functioning-at-risk	35%	35%
Cottonwood	Functioning-at-risk	35%	35%
SOUTH UNIT			
Riparian Areas	Functioning-at-risk	35%	35%
Uplands	Functioning	50%	50%
Wyoming big sage	Functioning-at-risk	30%	30%
Aspen	Functioning	45%	45%
Meadows	Functioning-at-risk	35%	35%
Cottonwood	Functioning-at-risk	35%	35%

BROWSE - the figures shown below are the maximum allowable/utilization use standards shown by pasture.

WEST SIDE FLAT CREEK BROWSE UTILIZATION STANDARDS			
Vegetative Group	Current Condition	In-Season Trigger	Maximum Utilization Standard
NORTH UNIT			
Stream/Riparian	Functioning-at-risk	20%	20%
Meadows	Functioning-at-risk	20%	20%
Mountain Brush	Functioning	35%	35%
Aspen	Functioning	35%	35%
Cottonwood	Functioning-at-risk	10%	10%
SOUTH UNIT			
Stream/Riparian	Functioning-at-risk	20%	20%
Meadows	Functioning-at-risk	20%	20%
Mountain Brush	Functioning	35%	35%
Aspen	Functioning	35%	35%
Cottonwood	Functioning-at-risk	10%	10%

REST UNITS: North Pasture

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.

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 maps showing pastures and 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 Information Discussed

Kirk is planning on rebuilding the fence between Westside Flat Creek, Buttermilk, Martin Basin and Granite Peak allotments. We will be working on the pole creek fence NEPA this year hopefully we can have it accomplished this year.

To meet the standards and guidelines we will be developing a new grazing rotation on the allotment in order to meet new criteria. Boyd will provide a map with your responsibilities.

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

West Side Flat Creek C&H Allotment

