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Dear Bob,

This letter references the meeting you had in the office with Aaron Zobell on April 16th concerning your grazing on the Henry’s Fork Bottom Allotment. This letter is provided to serve as your 2009 Operating Instructions for the Henry’s Fork Bottom Allotment and will become a part of your term grazing permit as provided for in Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a) of your term grazing permit.

Please note that situations may develop during the grazing season which you feel may require changes to these instructions. If you believe this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions contact Aaron Zobell and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. Your 2009 operating instructions are as follow:

HENRY’S FORK BOTTOM C&H ALLOTMENT

<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dates</u>
8 horses	Unit 1(Irrigated bench)	*May 1 – July 31
8 horses	Unit 2	Aug. 1 – Sept. 30

*May 1st is the date you are permitted in your term grazing permit to begin grazing the allotment. However, before your horses are turned onto the allotment you will need to contact Aaron to ensure range readiness. This is especially important this year as cooler temperatures have limited plant growth to date.

Only livestock branded according to the Certificate of Brand Registration provided by you to the Forest Service will be allowed to graze on the allotment. Confirmation of payment through the “lock box” process must be received before livestock will be allowed to graze on National Forest lands.

Utilization benchmarks for the Henry’s Fork Bottom Allotment are present in table 1.0 below. Utilization will generally be monitored at key areas of the allotment. Key areas are those areas of the allotment most preferred by livestock and are typically grazed first and receive the most concentrated use. Horses will be removed from each unit before utilization benchmarks are exceeded at key areas. Horses will be removed from National Forest lands when utilization benchmarks have been met at key areas in the last unit to be grazed or by the off date for the allotment, whichever occurs first. It is your responsibility to ensure utilization benchmarks shown in table 1.0 are not exceeded. The above proposed grazing schedule and utilization



benchmarks in table 1.0 are per the 2009 Henry's Fork Allotment Management Plan. Any changes to the grazing schedule must be coordinated in advance with Aaron.

Table 1.0 Utilization and Residual Stubble Height Benchmarks for the Henry's Fork Bottom Allotment-by unit

Utilization Benchmark	Unit 1 (Irrigated Pasture)	Unit 2
Utilization-by key species	NA	<50%
Residual Stubble Height	>4 inches	NA

The date you move from unit 1 into unit 2 should be coordinated with Aaron. Forage utilization in units 1 and 2 should not exceed utilization benchmarks shown in table 1.0. Once this level of utilization is reached in unit 2 your horses will be removed from the allotment. The productivity of unit 1 depends upon you continuing to fertilize and irrigate this pasture. Your use of ammonium nitrate at approximately 90 lbs. per acre is approved again this year. Also please ensure your cattle are kept out of the allotment (e.g. unit 1) prior to, during, and after the grazing season. Not only is this excess use which could result in permit action, but it also reduces the number of AUMs available for your horses to use during the time they are permitted to be on the allotment.

Please remember equal utilization of the range is the objective. If you salt, rotate your salting areas during the grazing season and from year to year. Place your salt in good forage producing areas where your horses do not go by preference. Do not place your salt next to water, roads, or trails. Also, horses need to be kept in their appropriate units, properly distributed within those units, and moved according to the dates on you AOI unless you have received prior approval from Aaron. This means that your horses need to be moved from unit 1 to unit 2 by August 1st (assuming utilization benchmarks aren't reached first) unless you have received prior approval from Aaron to remove them at a later date.

Construction of Avocet pond has commenced and will be completed shortly. As a result, changes discussed in the 1996 decision and implemented in the 2009 Allotment Management Plan for the Henry's Fork Bottom Allotment are being implemented. Please ensure you are familiar with these changes to ensure compliance with your term grazing permit. If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact Aaron Zobell.

- Henry's Fork-Avocet Pond Enclosure Area: This area has been removed from the allotment. Grazing and trailing of horses in this area is no longer authorized. The triangle area is not removed from the allotment.
- Triangle Area: This area will be grazed as part of unit 2. You will need to complete the activities below before grazing is allowed in this area. In addition, you will be responsible for ensuring your permitted horses do not access the Henry's Fork-Avocet Pond enclosure area from the triangle area after the activities listed below are completed. Further action including but not limited to additional fence construction and or removal

of the triangle area from the allotment may occur should horses be found accessing the enclosure area from the triangle area.

- Construction of Unit 2/Triangle Enclosure Fence: Approximately 200-300 meters of fence needs to be constructed as shown to you in the annual permittee meeting. Fence should be constructed according to Forest Service standards. The Forest Service is willing to provide the materials needed to construct this fence.
 - Reconstruction/maintenance of fence #001516: Please work with the Nelson's in reconstructing/maintaining this fence as needed and to ensure your permitted horses do not enter the Henry's Fork/Avocet Pond Enclosure area from this triangle area. This may require that you put some type of barrier across the Henry's Fork.
 - Removal of old fence: The old fence running north to south needs to be removed as discussed in the annual permittee meeting. This fence should be removed before your horses are turned onto the unit, but at the very least will be removed before grazing occurs in the 2010 season.
- New Maintenance Responsibilities: Please ensure you are familiar with your new maintenance responsibilities when you receive your newly issued permit and the 2009 Allotment Management Plan which you have already signed
 - Henry's Fork Bench water development and pole fence: At your convenience you may establish a water development located in the northwest corner of unit 1 as was shown to you in the field. The trough needs to be either completely on your own private land or at least partly on your private land. If needed, I will allow you to access and use the spring located just south of the proposed site. Buying materials for the development, constructing the development, and maintaining the development is your responsibility. The short pole fence you recently constructed has been inspected and appears to be sufficient to limit livestock's access to the bottom areas of Henry's Fork and Henry's Fork itself.
 - West Henry's Fork Avocet Enclosure Boundary Fence: This fence has been constructed southeast along the east side of the bench area. This fence currently ties into fence #019402 and then stops. However, this fence will be extended southeast first tying into fence #001514 and then continuing onward until tying into fence #001554 should we find horses are still accessing the Henry's Fork-Avocet Pond enclosure area via the bench.

Maintenance of all your improvements must be completed 1 week before your horses enter the allotment with maintenance being completed to the standards listed in your permit. Completing your maintenance responsibilities 1 week before your on date will allow Aaron time to inspect your improvements and address any concerns before your horses enter the allotment. Other

Other items discussed during the annual permittee meeting are listed below:

- Removal of Unit 2 East Boundary fence: Removal of this fence is your responsibility and as agreed will be completed by you before October 1st.

- Your cattle are currently accessing the old haystack area of unit 1 as well as irrigated areas of unit 1. Please ensure that sufficient fence maintenance occurs in the near future to ensure that your livestock do not access these areas.

Please keep track of the dates, numbers and any other facts that may be pertinent to your grazing on the allotment this year and let Aaron know as they occur. Note these items on the Grazing Use Record form attached below and return them to Aaron by December 31st.

Also, you will shortly receive in the mail your new term grazing permit as well as a signed copy of the Allotment Management Plan for the Henry's Fork Bottom Allotment. Please become familiar with both of these documents to ensure responsible range management.

Thank you for your efforts in managing the Henry's Fork Bottom Allotment. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aaron at (435) 781 -5279.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lola L. Long
LOLA L. LONG
Acting District Ranger

Enclosure
Grazing Use Record Form

2009 GRAZING USE RECORD
FLAMING GORGE RANGER DISTRICT

This form should be completed in detail, signed, and returned immediately following the grazing season to this office. Use back of sheet if necessary.

PERMITTEE _____

ALLOTMENT _____ YEAR _____

ACTUAL USE

UNIT IN ORDER GRAZED	TOTAL LIVESTOCK NUMBERS	DATE ENTERED	DATE LEFT	DATE <u>ALL</u> LIVESTOCK REMOVED FROM UNIT	NOTES

NOXIOUS WEEDS

SPECIES	LOCATION	OTHER

OTHER

Improvements maintained and/or visited

Improvements in need of repair

NOTES

SIGNATURE

DATE