



File Code: 2210/2230-3

Date: April 6, 2010

Ms. Eutona Wilde
Quarter Circle Three Bar Ranch
HCR 65 Box 784
McKinnon, WY 82938

Dear Permittee,

This letter references the annual meeting Mike, Wilde, Jon Wilde, Allen Young, and Aaron Zobell had on March 15, 2010, concerning your grazing on the Hickerson Park Allotment. It will become part of your permit as provided for in Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a) of your term grazing permit.

Situations may develop during the grazing season which permittees 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.

Only livestock branded according to the Certificate of Brand Registrations provided by each permittee to the Forest Service will be allowed to graze on the allotment. Confirmation of payment through the "lock box" process must be received before your livestock will be allowed to graze on national forest lands.

Hickerson Park C&H Allotment Proposed Grazing Schedule and Numbers

Permittee	Numbers	Non-Use	Season of Use
Jon & RaNae Wilde	150	0	June 22 - September 16
Quarter Circle Three Bar Ranch	100	0	June 22 - September 16
Allen & Nancy Young	50	0	June 22 - September 16

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use ¹
Carter Dugway	1 st	June 22 – July 7	40%
Hickerson Park	2 nd	July 8 – August 4	50%
Round Park	3 rd	August 5 – Sept. 6	50%
Lodgepole	4 th	Sept. 7 – Sept. 16	30%

¹ North Fork of Sheep Creek in Hickerson Park 4>" stubble height

Permittees will coordinate with Aaron before bringing livestock on the forest to ensure range readiness. After coordinating with Aaron and at range readiness, livestock will be trailed onto the Carter Dugway unit from BLM lands. Cattle will graze each unit until allowable use levels are met or until the scheduled date arrives to move livestock to the next unit, whichever occurs first. Livestock will be removed from the Ashley National Forest when the allowable use level is met in the Lodgepole unit or by 16th of September, whichever occurs first. Every effort must be



taken to completely remove cattle off the national forest by the scheduled off date. For example, if it requires three days of riding to gather your cattle, then you should start riding three days prior to your scheduled off date. It is the permittees' responsibility to ensure allowable use levels are not exceeded.

Equal utilization of the range is the objective. This requires riding and salting be properly conducted throughout the entire grazing season. Rotate your salting areas during the grazing season and from year to year. Place your salt in good forage producing areas where cattle do not go by preference. Do not place your salt next to water, roads, trails, or in open meadows. Cattle need to be kept in their appropriate units, properly distributed within those units, and moved from unit to unit as needed. It is especially important cattle be kept in the unit they are supposed to be in and an even distribution of your cattle be maintained while in an unit, since any key area reaching proper utilization means it is time to move into the next scheduled unit or to come home. Each permittee is responsible for keeping cattle spread out and not over utilizing the range.

Maintenance of all your improvements listed in Part 3 of your term grazing permit must be done one week before your cattle enter the allotment to the standards listed in your permit. This will allow Aaron to inspect your improvements and address any concerns before your cattle enter the allotment. All labor and materials needed for maintenance are your responsibility. Any ATV use in the administration of your allotment is limited to existing roads or along fence lines for fence maintenance. Other item(s) discussed during the permittee meeting are as follows:

- ❖ **Modified Grazing Schedule:** The grazing schedule is reflective of changes discussed at the annual permittee meeting and subsequently agreed upon by the Forest Service and permittees. The on date for the allotment has been moved back one week with the off date being extended for one week. The first unit to be grazed (Carter Dugway or Lodgepole) will be grazed one week less with the Hickerson Park unit being grazed one week more. This change was implemented to address utilization and condition concerns within the Lodgepole unit. Use and condition/trend within the Hickerson Park unit will be monitored to ensure adding one more week of grazing to the unit does not result in: 1) allowable use levels being exceeded, and 2) an unsatisfactory conditions/trend related to livestock use. Use and condition/trend within the Lodgepole unit will continue to be monitored to determine: 1) the effectiveness of the change in meeting allowable use levels, and 2) the effect the change has on condition/trend related to livestock use. Should the change result in use levels being exceeded and/or unsatisfactory conditions related to livestock use in the Hickerson Park unit, use in the unit will occur as previously prescribed. Should, allowable use levels continue to be consistently exceeded in the Lodgepole unit and/or unacceptable condition and trend in the unit, use of the unit will further be reduced. This may include reducing numbers grazed or the season of use.
- ❖ **Monitoring from 2008** continues to support the one week increase in the Round Park with utilization generally being light to moderate. This increase is desirable on the allotment as a whole as it allows either the Carter Dugway unit or Lodgepole Creek unit (whichever is grazed last) to be grazed one week less than at historic levels. I anticipate these changes will become a normal part of the grazing season unless monitoring indicates this change is resulting in undesirable conditions related to livestock use in the Round Park unit.

- ❖ Carter Dugway water developments: The Phil Pico Spring water development was worked on by Jon Wilde last year. Jon plans on continuing to work on the development. When operational the development will allow for improved distribution of livestock. A trough is available for Jon to pick up at the ranger district when needed. Should Jon run into any more problems maintaining this water development he will need to contact Aaron. The development of a second water development which may provide water to areas not recently utilized by livestock was also discussed. Aaron will contact permittees in the near future and a trip will be planned to determine the feasibility of this development
- ❖ Forest Service maintenance of Trail #1023: This trail was logged out in 2008, and is scheduled to be logged out by a F.S. contractor this summer. The Forest Service will contact the contractor to see if it can be done before permittee livestock enter the forest. However, because the contract does not require the trail to be logged out before livestock are scheduled to move into the Round Park unit, I suggest permittees be ready to do trail work necessary to bring livestock into the Round Park unit.
- ❖ Carter Dugway/Forest Service boundary fence (#019301): Reconstruction and/or heavy maintenance needs to occur from Spring Creek to Phil Pico Spring. This fence is not the responsibility of any permittee but rather is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. Please contact Aaron, should you notice unauthorized use occurring on Forest Service administered lands. He will take the appropriate action at the point in time to ensure this unauthorized use ceases.
- ❖ NEPA: The portion of the Hickerson Park Allotment on the Ashley National Forest is currently under an evaluation to determine its NEPA sufficiency. The portion of the Hickerson Park Allotment on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest is currently undergoing NEPA. I anticipate your permit will be updated when these processes are completed. This will include the issuance of a new allotment management plan.
- ❖ Trichomoniasis: A concern regarding Trichomoniasis and Plumonary Artery Pressure (PAP) testing was expressed. Trichomoniasis testing for bulls nine months of age and older is a rule required by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Division of Animal Industry. All bulls nine months of age and older must be tested by 30th of April. Bulls which are Trich tested will have yellow tags this year. PAP testing is not a rule required by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Division of Animal Industry.

Permittees requested maintenance of the cattleguard (Infra # 001569) on Birch Creek F.S. Road 221 at the forest boundary, and maintenance of the cattleguard (Infra #10679—1.997) on F.S. Road 10679 adjacent to the Sheep Creek Park/Hickerson Park Allotment boundary. The road crew will be contacted and maintenance of these cattleguards should occur sometime this summer.

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 the 31st of December.

We also need your help to control noxious weeds. Please let Aaron know of any new noxious weed infestations so we can keep them from becoming established. We are especially concerned

about Dyer's Woad and any other "new" weeds. The spread of musk thistle plant can be controlled by removing seed heads before they flower and then cutting down the plant at its base. Thanks for your efforts to manage this allotment. If you have any questions or comments please contact Aaron Zobell at (435) 781-5279.

Sincerely,

MARCIA L. PFLEIDERER
District Ranger

Enclosure (1)
2010 Grazing Use Record

cc: Mike Wilde,
HCR 65 Box 786
McKinnon, WY. 82938

2010 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