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Dear Permittee,

This letter references the annual meeting held in Manila, Utah on March 15th, 2011 with Glen Tinker, Brian Tinker, Jon Wilde, Eutona Wilde, Tim Wilde, Allen Young, and Aaron Zobell concerning grazing on the Sheep Creek 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.

Table 1.0 Sheep Creek Park Allotment – Permitted Grazing Numbers, Kind, Class and Season of Use

Permittee	Numbers	Kind	Class	Season of Use
John Tinker Family Living Trust	75 (150 ¹)	Cattle	cow/calf	June 23 – September 20
Jon & RaNae Wilde	38 (75 ¹)	Cattle	cow/calf	June 15 – September 20
Quarter Circle Three Bar Ranch	25 (50 ¹)	Cattle	cow/calf	June 15 – September 20
Allen & Nancy Young	12 (25 ¹)	Cattle	cow/calf	June 15 – September 20

¹Starting July 1st 150, 75, 50 and 25 pair respectively

Table 2.0 Sheep Creek Park Allotment – Proposed Grazing Schedule and Utilization Benchmarks

Unit	Proposed Dates ¹	Utilization Benchmarks ²
Conner Basin/Sols Canyon	June 15 – June 30 ¹	≤ 40% of key forage species ≥ 4” residual stubble height along the greenline
Sheep Creek Park (N)	July 1 – July 10	≤ 50% of key forage species ≥ 4” residual stubble height along the greenline
Sheep Creek Park (S)	July 11 – July 30	≤ 50% of key forage species ≥ 4” residual stubble height along the greenline
Half Moon Park	July 31 – Aug. 20	≤ 50% of key forage species ≥ 4” residual stubble height along the greenline
Browne-Beaver	Aug. 21 – Sept. 20	≤ 50% of key forage species ≥ 4” residual stubble height along the greenline

¹Dates are estimates and may vary based upon range readiness, drought, utilization benchmarks, and other factors; ²Utilization will be monitored at key areas of the allotment. Key areas are those areas most preferred by livestock, are typically grazed first, and receive the most concentrated use (e.g. Half Moon Park, Sheep Creek Park, Beaver Creek, Coal Mine area of Sols Canyon, etc.); ≥4 residual stubble height of herbaceous species along the greenline at the end of the grazing season; ¹John Tinker Family Living Trust starting June 23rd within the Sols Canyon area



On June 15th Wilde's, Quarter Circle Three Bar Ranch's, and Young's livestock (38, 25, and 12 pair respectively) will be shipped to the blue gate adjacent to the Conner Basin/Sols Canyon unit and then trailed east into the Conner Basin area of the unit. Livestock will graze there until any utilization benchmark is reached or until June 30th, whichever occurs first. On this date, livestock will be moved into the north end of the Sheep Creek Park unit where they will be joined by the balance of permittees' livestock which have been shipped in from the Birch Creek area.

On June 23rd John Tinker Family Living Trust livestock (75 pair) will be trucked to the bottom of Sols Canyon and trailed to the Coal Mine area of the Conner Basin/Sols Canyon unit. Livestock will graze this area until any utilization benchmark has been reached or until June 30th, whichever occurs first. At this point in time, the balance of John Tinker Family Living Trust livestock will be shipped into the bottom of Sols Canyon with all livestock (150 pair) being trailed up Sols Canyon to the north end of the Sheep Creek Park unit.

Grazing of the Sheep Creek Park unit should occur primarily north of the FR014/Mann Creek crossing during the first 10 days of grazing. After this time, grazing should occur primarily south of the FR014/Mann Creek crossing. This practice was implemented several years ago and is being continued as it has allowed for improved long-term distribution of livestock during the time they are within the Sheep Creek Park unit. Livestock will be moved out of the Sheep Creek Park unit and each subsequent unit when any utilization benchmark has been met or when the scheduled date arrives to move livestock into the next unit to be grazed, whichever occurs first. Every effort must be taken to completely remove livestock from National Forest lands when any utilization benchmark has been met in the Browne-beaver unit or by September 20th, whichever occurs first. For example, if it requires three days of riding to gather your livestock, then you should start riding three days prior to your scheduled off date. It is the permittees' responsibility to ensure utilization benchmarks are not exceeded.

Wilde's, Quarter Circle Three Bar Ranch's, and Young's livestock will be trailed home via the Carter Dugway or gathered in the Sheep Creek Park corrals and trucked home. John Tinker Family Living Trust's livestock will be gathered in the Sheep Creek Park corrals and trucked home.

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 livestock do not go by preference. Do not place your salt next to water, roads, trails, or in open meadows. Livestock need to be kept in their appropriate units, properly distributed within those units, and moved from unit to unit as needed. Each permittee is responsible for keeping livestock spread out and not over utilizing the range.

Maintenance of all your improvements must be done 1 week before livestock enter the allotment to the standards listed in your permit. This allows time for the inspection of your improvements and any potential concerns to be addressed before your livestock enter the allotment. If your maintenance responsibilities have not been completed to the standards listed in your permit, livestock will not be allowed to enter National Forest lands. All labor and materials needed for maintenance are your responsibility. Any ATV use in the administration of your allotment is

limited to existing roads unless permission is otherwise obtained. Maintenance items and other related items specifically discussed included the following:

- ❖ Beaver Creek – Sheep Creek Lake (#001074): Aaron is continuing to work on receiving approval for the relocation and reconstruction of this fence as discussed in the annual permittee meeting (\approx .40 -.50 miles). He should be completed with this process early this summer. At that point in time, permittees will be contacted so reconstruction and relocation of this fence may occur. The Forest Service will be responsible for providing the materials to reconstruct the fence and acquiring and installing the cattleguard on F.S. road 221. Permittees will be responsible for the reconstruction of the fence as described in the following paragraphs. I expect permittees will work on reconstructing/relocating the fence this summer with the work being completed before livestock enter the allotment in 2012.

John Tinker Living Trust will be responsible for reconstructing $\frac{1}{2}$ (\approx 1050 – 1350 ft.) of this fence starting from the west corner of the original fence and crossing F.S. road 221. Jon & RaNae Wild will be responsible for reconstructing $\frac{1}{4}$ (\approx 500 – 650 ft.) of this fence starting at the end of the John Tinker Family Living Trust's responsibility. Allen & Nancy Young will be responsible for reconstructing $\frac{1}{10}$ th (\approx 200 – 250 ft.) of this fence starting at the end of Jon & RaNae Wilde's responsibility. Quarter Circle Three Bar Ranch will be responsible for the reconstruction of this fence starting at the end of Allen & Nancy Young's responsibility until it ties into fence #001512 (.15 of total length of fence estimated at \approx 300 – 400 ft.).

The Fence will be reconstructed according to Forest Service standards (i.e. no more than 16 ft. between t-posts; 4 strand barb wire with wires from bottom to top spaced at 16", 22", 28", and 40" from the ground; and construction of brace posts occurring as previously described. Horizontal brace posts will be built at the start of the fence, each side of the cattle guard, and at the end of the fence at a minimum. Two horizontal braces will be built at any area where a minor or major change in fence direction occurs (e.g. north to northeast direction, north to east, etc.). If you have questions regarding the reconstruction of the fence including Forest Service specifications, contact Aaron Zobell as any fence not being initially reconstructed according to Forest Service specifications will be redone at the respective permittee's cost.

- ❖ Half Moon Park Water Development: John Tinker Family Living Trust has requested and received approval for air vents to be put in the pipeline leading from the head box to the trough so that water doesn't continue to lock up within the pipeline. If motorized vehicle use is required to install the air vents, John Tinker Living Trust will need to fill out the enclosed travel variance form explaining why motorized vehicle access is necessary and have the form signed by me prior to any motorized vehicles entering the area.
- ❖ Sheep Creek Park Corrals: Permittee maintenance of these corrals will occur as previously required. The F.S. will review the improvement and determine if reconstruction of this improvement is needed. If reconstruction is needed, plans will be put in place at the 2012 annual permittee meeting to ensure reconstruction occurs in a timely manner.

- ❖ Sheep Creek Park Unit Fence Extension Maintenance Responsibilities: This extension was completed in 2010. Permittees will be responsible for maintaining the portions of the fence they constructed during this and future grazing seasons according to the standards listed in their respective permits. All permittee term grazing permits will be modified to show these added responsibilities at a later date.
- ❖ Sols Canyon Road Unit Fence #1044A (≈approximately 9 ft of fence, gate, and panels): Maintenance responsibilities have changed from Allen & Nancy Young to John Tinker Family Living Trust. Permittees' permits will be modified to show this change at a later date. Panels installed annually will need to continue to be installed 1 week prior to livestock entering the allotment.
- ❖ Conner Basin Ponds: The possibility of developing several ponds within the Conner Basin unit was discussed to allow for improved distribution of livestock and for wildlife benefits within the Conner Basin/Sols Canyon unit. Discussions will continue regarding this possibility this summer. Viable options will be considered.
- ❖ Monitoring continues to support grazing the Sols Canyon portion of the Conner Basin unit for approximately 1 week annually. The Sols Canyon water development including the trough must be functioning according to standards listed in John Tinker Family Living Trust before cattle will be allowed to graze the area.

Permittees will need to work together managing livestock on the allotment. Efforts should be focused on ensuring livestock are only in the correct unit to be grazed and properly distributed within that unit. At a minimum, this would involve having representatives of all permittees present during unit moves and when livestock are removed from National Forest lands. Further, all permittees should be actively involved in ensuring livestock are only in the correct unit to be grazed and properly distributed while within that unit. I expect this will require periodic checks of the allotment throughout the week with necessary riding and herding and salting be done by all permittees.

Items specifically mentioned in previous permittee meetings which will need to occur this year include: 1) ensuring livestock are adequately distributed while within Half Moon Park with particular attention being paid to the riparian and mesic areas located on the north side of Browne Lake as any utilization benchmark being met in this area will mean it is time to move livestock into the next scheduled unit to be grazed - this same direction regarding distribution of livestock and utilization of key areas is applicable for all units grazed by livestock; 2) ensuring livestock do not drift into and utilize the Willow Park area of the Commissary Park Allotment; and 3) ensuring salting practices described in this AOI and relevant permits are followed.

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.

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.

Thanks for your efforts to manage this allotment. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aaron Zobell at (435) 781-5279.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marcia L. Pfleiderer
MARCIA L. PFLEIDERER
District Ranger

Enclosures (1)
2011 Grazing Use Record

2011 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