



File Code: 2230

Date: May 18, 2011

Leon L. Frey and Mary L. Frey

Dear Leon & Mary,

The following letter will document your meeting with Boyd Hatch and Peter Gula on April 12, 2011, and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2011 summer grazing season on the Buffalo 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.

**BUFFALO C&H
PERMITTED USE**

Permittee	Class	Number	Season
Wilson	c/c	150	6/16 - 8/31
Frey	c/c	80	6/16 - 8/31
Anderson	c/c	25	6/16 - 8/4

**BUFFALO C&H
AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Horse Canyon (Wilson)	c/c	150	6/16 - 8/31 or until utilization is met
Falls Canyon (Wilson)	c/c	150	6/16 - 8/31 or until utilization is met
Chimney (Anderson)	c/c	25	7/13 - 8/31 or until utilization is met
Chimney (Frey)	c/c	80	6/16 - 8/31 or until utilization is met
Porcupine	c/c	REST	REST
Buffalo Canyon	c/c	REST	REST
Andorno Canyon	c/c	REST	REST

It is critical that you intensively manage cattle this year to encourage even distribution of use. Riparian areas will need extra monitoring and when utilization is met, livestock will need to be moved to the next unit or off the allotment.



Permitted Livestock Brands:

Leon Frey		Hanging H RH
		Hanging L Tumbling F RH
Wilson		Parasol LH
Anderson		Circle A LR
		C A LH

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 2 days prior to entering the Forest.

BILLING:

Grazing fees remained unchanged from last year. The fee is now \$1.35 per head per 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:

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. 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 Peter or Boyd. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas. The lower ends of many of these canyons are steep and narrow with minimal forage. Without intensively managing your livestock utilization for the pasture could be reached in as little as a week.

Riparian sites:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
within 300 ft of category 5 seep or spring	55% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Chimney Creek and within 300 ft of category 3 seep or spring	50% use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
within 300 ft of category 1 seep or spring, and all riparian browse	35% use of grasses, rushes/sedges, and all riparian shrubs such as willows.

Upland sites:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Uplands Herbaceous	65% use of key species mountain brome, bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, squirreltail.
Upland Browse	50% of current year's growth snowberry, serviceberry, mahogany, bitterbrush

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. The lower Buffalo canyon pasture gate needs to be replaced, one or more posts are rotted off at ground level. We have several new ramps completed and fence material 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. 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.

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 2011 grazing season by November 30, 2011.

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 map showing pasture rotation and approximant rotation dates has been attached to your AOI. 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.

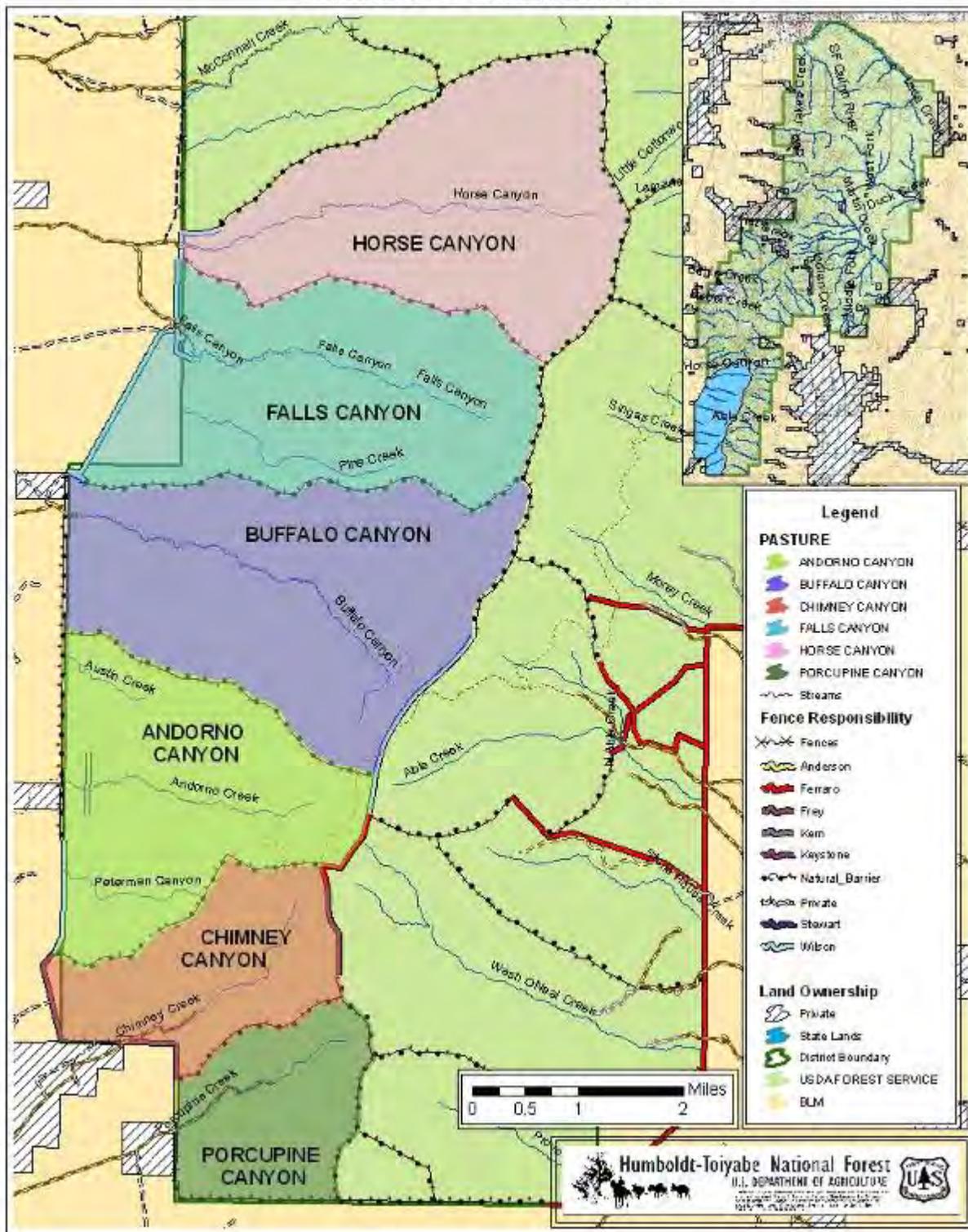
As a reminder, approval of requests for permittee convenience non-use is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the non-use request with the permittee. Approval of a request for permittee convenience non-use must be in writing by the authorized officer. Full or partial permittee convenience non-use 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.

If you have any questions or concerns about this grazing season, please call Peter or Boyd at (775) 623-5025 x 5.

Sincerely,

/s/Acting Martina Gast for:
JEFF ULRICH
District Ranger

Buffalo C&H Allotment



ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2011

BUFFALO C&H

SANTA ROSA RANGER DISTRICT

Recommended by: _____ Date: _____
Rangeland Management Specialist

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____
Permittee

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
District Ranger

Please sign and date this cover sheet and return to my office. Upon signature by the District Ranger, these Annual Operating Instructions are hereby made a part of your Term Grazing Permit.

As permittee, my signature on these Annual Operating Instructions certifies that there is no change to my permitted livestock or base property ownership as described in my grazing permit.