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1200 Winnemucca Blvd. East
Winnemucca, NV 89445

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Peter & Kathi Marvel

Dear Pete & Kathi,

The following letter will document your meeting with Boyd Hatch, Peter Gula and Jeff Ulrich on March 9, 2011, and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2011 summer grazing season.

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.

NORTH FORK C&H
PERMITTED USE

Allotment	Class	Number	Season
NORTH FORK C&H	c/c	150	6/16 - 9/5

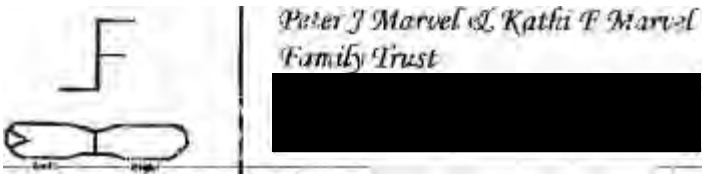
NORTH FORK C&H
AUTHORIZED USE

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Long Canyon	c/c	150	6/21 - 8/1
Holloway Meadows	c/c	150	8/2 - 9/15
North Fork	c/c	REST	REST

The permittee on this allotment has requested partial non-use for 310 c/c this season. This will be year one, out of three, to allow the permittee time to settle the estate. Pete Marvel will manage the cattle on the North Fork allotment for the permittee. Pete Marvel will run 150 cow calf pairs under a temporary permit on the North Fork allotment.

It will be 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:



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 pasture, 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.

RIPARIAN SITES:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Stock Creek and upland springs and meadows.	**65%** use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Remainder of Long Canyon and North Fork Little Humboldt River	**45%** use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Long Canyon at GAWS Stations 570 & 715 (areas fenced off with electric fence)	**30%** use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Riparian Browse	**35%** use current year's growth on all riparian shrubs such as willows.

UPLAND SITES:

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

RESTED UNIT: North Fork

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. 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 October 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.

Other:
We will be constructing 1.5 miles of fence around Holloway Meadows and along Stock Creek for protection of the watershed project/sage grouse projects going on there, and for the creation of the Holloway Meadow Riparian Pasture. The construction of this fence will be done cooperatively between the Forest Service and the North Fork Allotment permittee.

MAPS, FORMS & ATTACHMENTS:
Allotment map has been attached to your AOI.

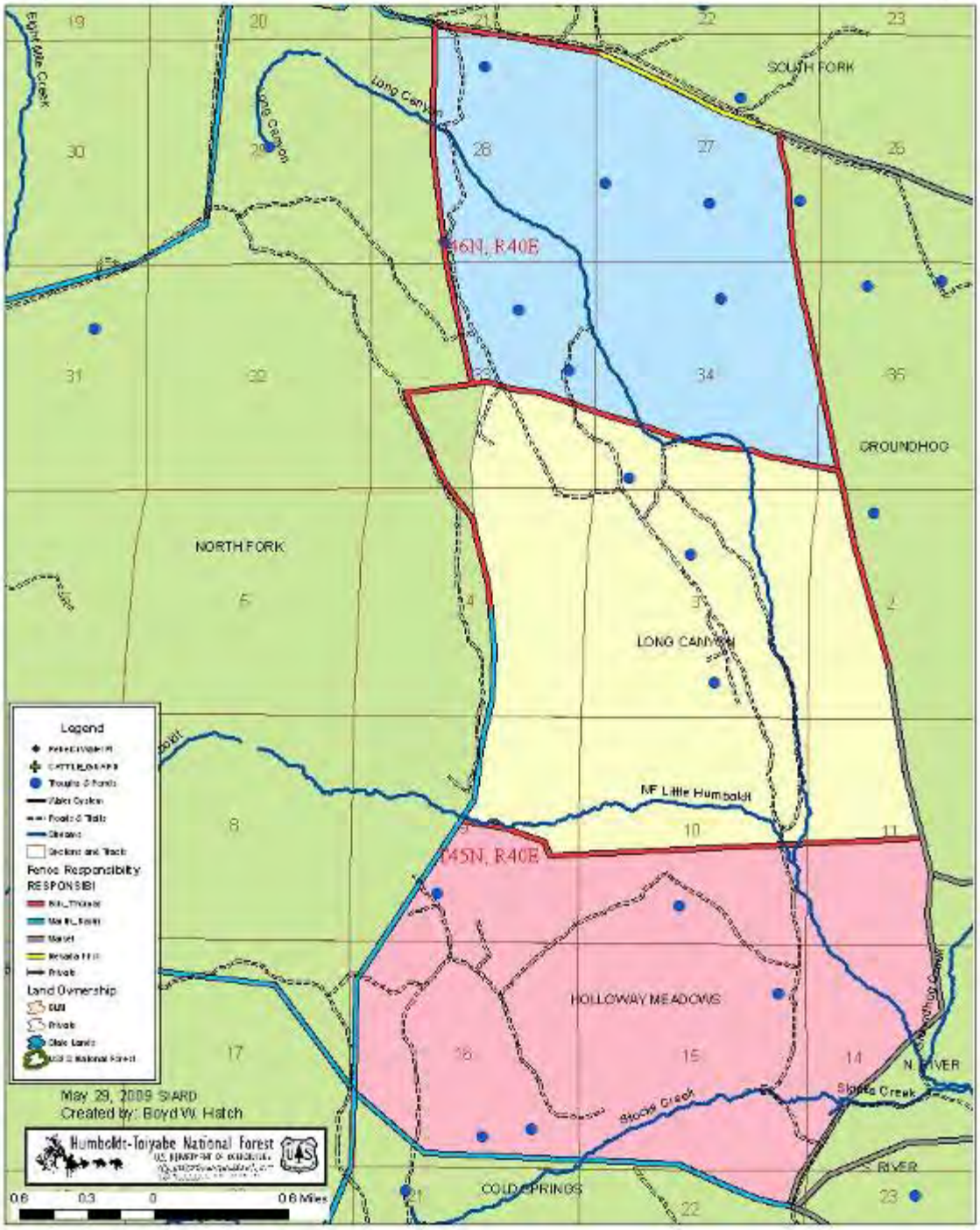
If you have any questions or concerns about this grazing season, please call Peter or Boyd at (775) 623-5025 x 5.

Sincerely,

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

Encl.

North Fork Allotment & Pastures



ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2011

NORTH FORK 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.