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File Code: 2210/2230 Clear Creek, Crandall Canyon, Driveway, East Gooseberry, Horse Creek, Mansion, South Sanpitch
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Dear Phil and Susan:

This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Clear Creek, Crandall Canyon, Driveway, East Gooseberry, Horse Creek, Mansion, and South Sanpitch S&G Allotments for the 2011 grazing season. This AOI is made part of your Term Grazing Permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, item 8(a). Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit. The AOI complies with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. **Please read your instructions thoroughly.**

AUTHORIZED USE FOR 2011

Allotment	Numbers	Kind	Class	Season	Permittee	Non-use	
						Resource protection	Personal convenience
Clear Creek	1000	Sheep	Ewe/lamb	June 21 – Sept 30	Phillip E and Susan S Allred		
Crandall Canyon	425	Sheep	Ewe/lamb	July 1 – Sept 25	Phillip E and Susan S Allred		
Driveway	1000	Sheep	Ewe/lamb	June 14 – Sept 30	Phillip E and Susan S Allred		
East Gooseberry	269 FS 745 Pvt	Sheep	Ewe/lamb	July 1 – Oct 10	Phillip E and Susan S Allred		
Horse Creek	666	Sheep	Ewe/lamb	July 1 – Sept 30	Phillip E and Susan S Allred		
Mansion	565 FS 335 Pvt	Sheep	Ewe/lamb	July 1 – Oct 10	Phillip E and Susan S Allred		
South Sanpitch	564	Sheep	Dry Ewe	July 6 – Sept 30	Phillip E and Susan S Allred		
South Sanpitch	470	Sheep	Ewe/lamb	July 6 – Sept 30	Phillip E and Susan S Allred		

Clear Creek S&G 2011Schedule

Pasture	Number	Kind	Approximate Dates
Trail on	1000	Sheep	June 21 - 23 (Trail on)
Lower Clear Creek	1000	Sheep	June 21 - June 24
Baldy Swamp	1000	Sheep	June 25 – July 15
Clear Creek	1000	Sheep	July 16 – July 28
Middle Clear Creek	1000	Sheep	July 29 – August 18
Mill Fork Ridge	1000	Sheep	August 19 – September 8
Upper Clear Creek	1000	Sheep	September 9 – September 28
Trail Off	1000	Sheep	September 29 - 30
All sheep should be off forest by October 1, 2011			

Crandall Canyon/Horse Creek S&G 2011 Schedule

Allotment	Pasture	Number	Kind	Approximate Dates
Crandall	Trail on	850	Sheep	July 1 - 3(Trail on)
Crandall	Scad Valley	850	Sheep	July 4 –8
Crandall	East Mountain	850	Sheep	July 9-13
Crandall	Spoon Creek	850	Sheep	July 14-19
Crandall	Mill Fork Ridge	850	Sheep	July 20-24
Crandall	Crandall Canyon	850	Sheep	July 25-28
Crandall	Blind Canyon	850	Sheep	July 28-31
Crandall	Horse Creek	850	Sheep	August 1-7
Horse Cr.	Trail to Horse Creek	850	Sheep	August 8
Horse Cr.	Seely Mountain	850	Sheep	August 9-16
Horse Cr.	Forks	850	Sheep	August 17 - 24
Horse Cr.	Left Fork	850	Sheep	August 25 - Sept 3
Horse Cr.	Horse Creek	850	Sheep	September 4 - 10
Horse Cr.	Scad Valley Creek	850	Sheep	September 11 - 16
Horse Cr.	Scad Valley	850	Sheep	September 17 - 28
Horse Cr.	Trail Off	850	Sheep	September 29 - 30
All sheep should be off forest by October 1, 2011				

Driveway S&G Schedule 2011

Pasture	Number	Kind	Approximate Dates
Trail on	1000	Sheep	June 14
South End of Pasture	1000	Sheep	June 14-21
North End of Pasture	1000	Sheep	June 22-30
Trail to next allotment	1000	Sheep	June 30
All sheep should be off Driveway allotment by July 1, 2011			

East Gooseberry S&G Schedule 2011

Pasture	Number	Kind	Approximate Dates
Trail on	1014	Sheep	July 1
Mill Creek	1014	Sheep	July 2 - 30
Gooseberry Reservoir	1014	Sheep	July 31 - August 30
Huntington	1014	Sheep	September 1 - October 10
All sheep should be off Forest by October 11, 2011			

Mansion S&G Schedule 2011

Pasture	Number	Kind	Approximate Dates
Trail on	1000	Sheep	July 1
Silver Creek	1000	Sheep	July 2 - 30
Big Hill	1000	Sheep	July 31 - August 16
Gooseberry Creek	1000	Sheep	August 17 - September 11
Trail Off	1000	Sheep	Sept 12 - 13
All sheep should be off Mansion allotment by September 13, 2011			

South Sanpitch S&G Schedule 2011

Pasture	Number	Kind	Approximate Dates
Trail on	470	Sheep	July 1
South Sanpitch	470	Sheep	July 2-15
Dry Creek	470	Sheep	July 16-August 8
Trail Off	470	Sheep	August 9
All sheep should be off South Sanpitch allotment by August 10, 2011			

Permitted pack and saddle stock authorized on the allotment for livestock management will not exceed four head.

Your allotment will be inspected for range readiness in June, if it is determined that grass growth is sufficient in your early use pastures, you may move on the allotment as planned. **The pasture move dates shown above are an estimate, and may change on the basis of actual range conditions.** *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, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.*

PROPER GRAZING-USE INDICATORS

Utilization standards are tools used in achieving or moving towards desired rangeland conditions. Utilization standards are not the desired conditions or management objectives themselves, they are indicators. Desired conditions and objectives are discussed in the 1986 Forest Plan and/or the Allotment Management Plan.

Desired goals in the 1986 Forest Plan include:

- Bring livestock obligation in line with rangeland carrying capacity.
- Maintain upward or stable trends in vegetation and soil condition.

Management Objectives in the Allotment Management Plans include:

- Maximum sustained yield of the forage resource, while providing for soil and watershed stability and improvement.

The 1990 Forest Plan Amendment for Range Proper-Use Criteria states proper use as ranging from 40-65% use of upland key species depending on the grazing system applied and from 30-60% use of riparian key species depending season of use (see Forest Plan Amendment attached). This amendment kept the existing provision that proper use criteria are to be established on an allotment by allotment basis and as given in the AMP and AOIs.

Forest Wide Proper Use Criteria

Unless specified elsewhere in the Forest Plan or in an allotment management plan, the following Proper Use Criteria is applied:

Sheep Allotments

1.Uplands

Use category	% Use of Key Species
Light Use	0-25%
Moderate Use	26-45%
Heavy Use	greater than 46%

1. Riparian Areas

Spring(Early and rapid growth)	50-60%
Summer (Moderate growth)	45-50%
Fall (Slow growth)	30-40% or 4 -5 inches stubble or regrowth

There is a difference between where percentage utilized is applied and where stubble height is applied to determine proper use in riparian areas. Percent utilized is used for plant species that are within the larger riparian area (the area that is influenced by the stream and the water table) but not along the greenline. The greenline is the first perennial vegetation on or near the stream's edge that is at least one foot wide. Stubble height measurements are used to determine proper use along the greenline. The plant species considered are typically water loving species (hydric species) such as sedges.

It is your responsibility as the permittee to recognize when proper use has been reached and promptly move all cattle as necessary. If you need some assistance, or methods and tools for determining proper use, please contact Lannce Sudweeks.

When proper use has been reached in the unit being grazed, your cattle are to be herded to the next scheduled unit. **When proper use is reached in the last unit grazed, all cattle are to be removed from the allotment, <u>even if this date is prior to the end of your grazing season.</u>** Cattle found on the allotment before or after the permitted grazing season will be billed at the unauthorized use rate and permit non-compliance actions will be initiated.

You should be aware that Forest Service policy provides that "an authorized officer may require the permittee to monitor and report information on compliance with the grazing permit, allotment management plan and annual operation instructions as a term and condition of your permit."

To facilitate livestock moves, gates may be opened a few days prior to the scheduled move date only when moving into an adjacent pasture. Gates must be closed and the grazed pasture entirely cleaned of livestock no later than five days following the scheduled move date. Grazed pastures must be kept clean of livestock following the pasture move.

<u>IMPROVEMENTS</u>

Range improvements are essential in ensuring that livestock are well distributed and that Forest standards and guides are met.

- Improvements are to be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering the pasture and that failure to do so is a violation of their permit and action will be taken when violations are documented.
- If improvements have not been maintained, then develop a schedule to bring them up to standard.
- Until all improvements are functional it is not appropriate to authorize full numbers or season of use, unless assurances can be made that utilization standards will not be exceeded.

The maintenance of all structural improvements listed under part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit, Special Terms and Conditions: *Construction and Maintenance of Structural Improvements* is a requirement and should be completed prior to your entry onto the Forest. The allotment permittee or permittees are responsible for the maintenance of all structural range improvements on this allotment. For allotments managed by an Association or Herd Manager specific maintenance responsibilities may be assigned to individual permittees by the Association President or Herd Manager.

I encourage you to contact Lannce when you complete your maintenance so he can schedule a timely inspection. I also suggest that you provide photographs of before and after conditions to assist in documenting compliance with maintenance requirements.

If you wish to use forest products (trees and oak brush) from the National Forest to maintain your fences/spring exclosures on your allotment, you must receive authorization from the Ferron Office prior to cutting.

NEPA and PLANNED PROJECTS

Not applicable at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Refer to Special Terms and Conditions in Part 3 of Term Grazing Permit for specific instructions pertaining to maintenance standards for range stock water developments, range fences, corrals, and herding standards.
- All permitted livestock must be branded with your registered brand as documented in your Term Permit before they enter the National Forest.
- Place salt blocks away from water, roads, meadows and other open areas so as to draw livestock into areas that receive light utilization. When livestock leave a pasture move the salt out of the pasture as well.
- You will furnish sufficient riders or herders to achieve proper distribution of livestock.
- Certified Weed Free Hay must be used if you do any supplemental feeding of horses on the allotment while gathering or moving cattle.
- If you find the need to use mechanical clearing (tractors, bulldozers etc.) of fence lines or to clean ponds or other water improvements, you must have proper archeological clearance and permission from the District Ranger.
- Enclosed in your AOI folder you will find an Actual Use Record sheet. As your 2011 grazing season progresses, please fill out this form in detail and return it promptly at the end of the grazing season. There are also extra sheets included in the folder where you are encouraged to document management on your allotment.

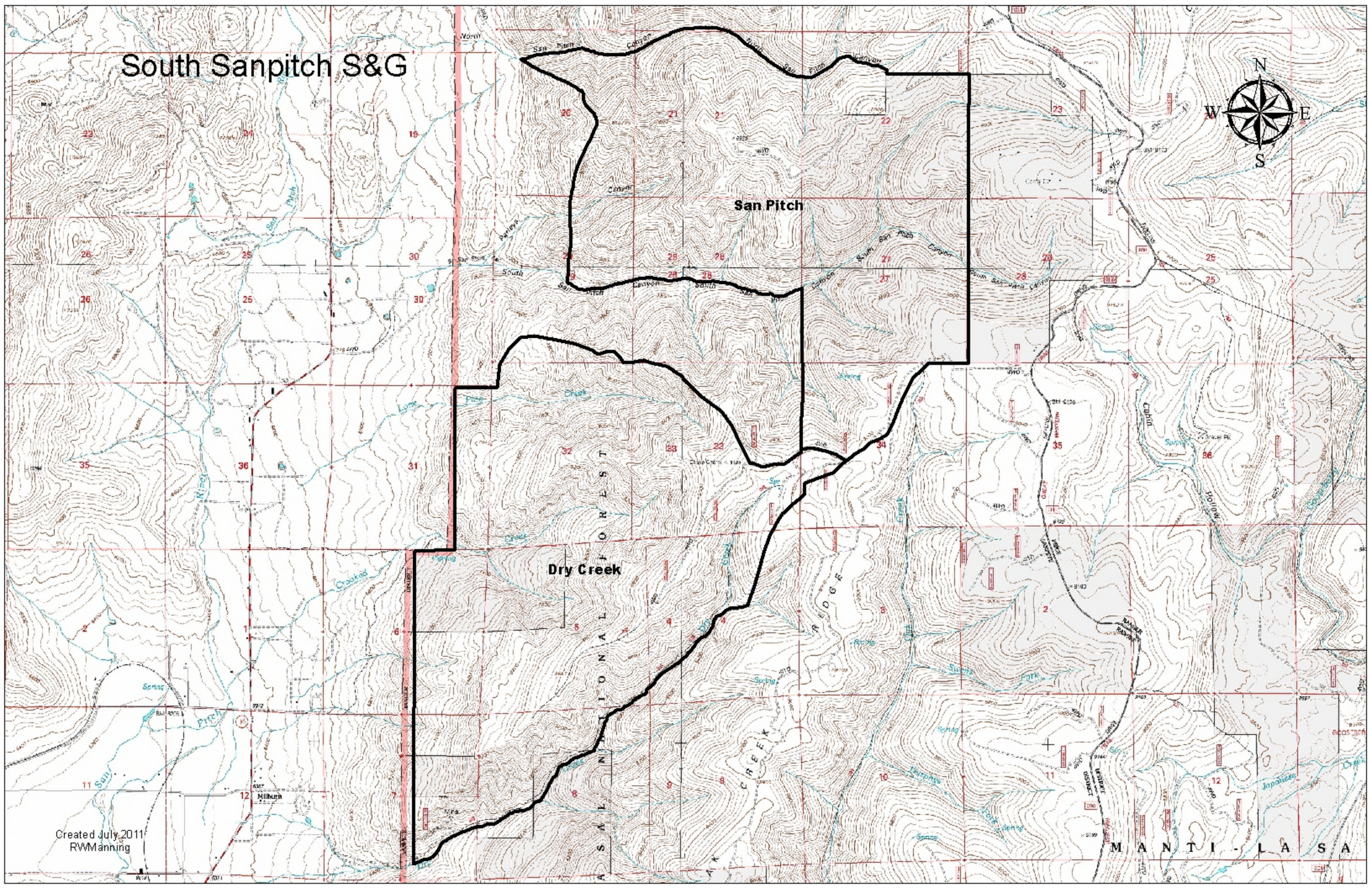
PAYMENT OF FEES

The permittee will not allow owned or controlled livestock to be on Forest Service-administered lands unless the fees specified in the Bill for Collection are paid and confirmation of payment through the “lock box” process is received prior to livestock entering NFS lands. Five or more days notice must be given to the Forest Officer in charge for tagging and/or dye-marking and counting prior to the date livestock will be turned on the Forest range.

I am looking forward to working with you this summer. Please don’t hesitate to call Lannce Sudweeks (435-636-3595) if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Darren Olsen
Darren Olsen
District Ranger


South Sanpitch S&G
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Dry Creek
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Allotment South Sanpitch To be completed by herd manager and returned at the end of grazing season	GRAZING USE RECORD Ferron/Price Ranger District	Year 2011 Note: This herd starts in Spanish Fork Can. on the Driveway Allot; moves to South Sanpitch then to Mansion.

	Estimated Use		Actual Use			# Livestock		Losses		
Unit in Order of Use	From	To	Entered	Left	Permittees	Authorized	Actual	Predator	Poison Plants	Other
Trail on										
South Sanpitch	07/10	7/20			Phillip E. and Susan Allred	800				
Dry Creek	7/21	07/30								
Trail to Mansion										

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Avoid musk thistle concentrations once they begin to flower. Keep sheep within the permitted area, see attached map. Keep off pipeline for seedling establishment.

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Hours spent on Maintenance of Improvements_____hours
Cost of materials donated by permittees on maintenance of improvements $
Number of hours spent on Allotment for management purposes _____

Signature of Herd Manager

REMARKS: