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Bruce Mulkey

Salmon, ID 83467

Bruce,

The following letter will document your meeting with Sara Norman and Ingrid Drieling on April 3rd, 2013 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the Haynes Creek C&H allotment for the 2013 grazing season. The authorized use for the Haynes Creek C&H allotment for cattle with

the , , +Z and  brands will be as follows:

Permitted Use:

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H. M</u>	<u>Date</u>
Earl Dean Stokes	Haynes Creek C&H	28 c/c	98	6/16-9/30
Mrs. Loah & Bruce Mulkey	Haynes Creek C&H	46 c/c	162	6/16-9/30
Jack Jakovac	Haynes Creek C&H	22 c/c	77	6/16-9/30
Quinton Snook and Sons	Haynes Creek C&H	57 c/c	201	6/16-9/30

Authorized Use for the 2013 Grazing Season:

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<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H. M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Haynes Creek C&H	Withington Creek Unit (BLM)	153 c/c	156	5/1-5/31
	Kadletz (BLM)	153 c/c	75	6/1-6/15
	Lower and Upper Grade Creek (FS)	153 c/c	156	6/16-7/16
	Haynes Creek (FS)	153 c/c	80	7/17-8/1
	K Mountain (FS)	153 c/c	116	8/2-8/24
	Cheney Creek (FS)	153 c/c	136	8/25-9/20

Only cattle with the , , +Z and  brands are authorized to graze on the Haynes Creek C&H allotment. The Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit as per Part 2, item 8(a) of the General Provisions and Regulations. 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 Sara Norman and obtain approval before initiating changes of deviating from these instructions. Changes can be made based on resource objectives, provided the changes are first approved and documented by an authorized officer.

The dates listed in the authorized use section may vary based on management needs or range readiness and proper use standards. If a change is necessary, please notify Sara Norman at (208) 768-2505 as soon as you are aware of the need for changes in the planned use schedule. Any extension of use beyond the dates that are authorized must be requested at least two weeks in advance to allow my staff time to complete utilization inspections. No extensions beyond permitted dates will be authorized.

You have received a letter explaining the Salmon-Challis National Forest concerns with the predicted below average precipitation levels and predicted above average temperatures. During the 2013 grazing season you should be prepared to be vigilantly monitoring forage conditions and stock water availability, and plan for prompt livestock moves to meet allowable forage and riparian browse use standards identified. In dry years it is critical to meet identified annual use indicators for resource health. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation and flexibility in this matter.

Allowable Use

The allowable use standards for the Haynes Creek C&H allotment are listed below. It is your responsibility to monitor utilization levels and to move your livestock to the next unit planned or off the allotment when the standards have been met. If you need assistance determining utilization levels please contact Sara Norman and she will assist you. Cattle removed from a unit after utilization levels have been reached are not allowed to return to the unit. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Upland</u>	<u>Riparian</u>
Haynes Creek	45%	45%
K-Mountain	50%	50%
Cheney Creek	50%	50%
Upper and Lower Grade Creek (FS)	50%	No Riparian on FS
Haynes Basin Pasture	45%	45%

Range Improvements

Range improvements listed in part three of your grazing permit must be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment.

Part 2, Section 8(i) of your term grazing permit states:

“This permit is issued and accepted with the provision that the permittee will maintain all range improvements, whether private or government-owned, that

are assigned for maintenance to standards of repair, orderliness, and safety acceptable to the Forest Service. Improvements to be maintained are specified in Part 3 of this permit. The Government may maintain or otherwise improve said improvements when, in its opinion, such action will be to its advantage.”

The following range improvements for the **Haynes Creek C&H Allotment** were discussed during our April 3rd meeting.

The old Cheney Creek Fence, which has already been replaced, needs the wire taken down. The YCC crew may be able to assist with this project, contact Sara to schedule a time to work on this.

The fence around the experimental plot in K-Mountain needs to be either reconstructed or pulled out. During the 2013 grazing season, Sara Norman or Ingrid Drieling will visit the plot and determine the next step.

The Grade Creek tank (#5175) needs a new tank. Contact Sara Norman to get materials for this improvement.

General Management

The Salmon-Challis Travel Management Record of Decision was signed December 24, 2009. With the issuance of this decision, all roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use map (MVUM). As detailed in 36 CFR 261.13; 36 CFR 212.51a the prohibitions on motor vehicle use will not apply to motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal law or regulation. ATVs may be used off of designated routes for improvement maintenance prior to livestock entering Forest lands. This means, once livestock are on the allotment, ATV use off of designated routes should be limited to the unit cattle are currently in and the unit scheduled to be grazed next only for managing your livestock and/or maintaining improvements.

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 Sara and she will determine a suitable location with your input.

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 our 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.

The grazing fees for 2013 are the base rate of \$1.35 per head month.

Payment of your grazing bill is due five days prior to your earliest turnout date to allow time for processing. The Forest Service is required to give permittees a minimum of 30 days to pay their 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.

If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center in Salmon, ID at **(208) 756-5157**.

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 completed forms within 30 days of leaving the allotment.

In addition, approval of requests for personal convenience and resource protection nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Requests for non-use must be done in writing and the approval of a request for non-use must be in writing by the authorized officer. Full or partial permittee convenience nonuse 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.

We look forward to working with you and solicit your cooperation and involvement in bringing about sound range and livestock management practices that will enhance all of the allotment resources. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will improve the management of the allotment, we would like to hear from you.

If you have any questions regarding any of the allotments for which you have permits, please call Sara at (208) 768-2505, Ingrid Drieling at (208)768-2516 or myself at (208) 756-5247.

Sincerely,

JAY WINFIELD
District Ranger

cc: Jack Jakovac, Ed Snook, and John Tracy
Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Records