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Chris Gansberg Jr.
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Markleeville, CA 96120

Dear Mr. Gansberg:

This will document the meeting held between Chris Gansberg Jr. and the USFS, on April 20, 2012, and serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2012 grazing season on the Fredericksburg C&H Allotment. Those present included Chris Gansberg Jr., and Courtney Ghiglieri of the USFS. The use permitted in your Term Grazing Permit is listed below along with the authorized use for the 2012 season:

PERMITTED USE:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Number of Stock</u>	<u>Season</u>
Fredericksburg C&H	6(8) Horses	5/1-5/31
Millberry C&H	15(60) cows/calves	6/1-7/31

AUTHORIZED USE:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Number of Stock</u>	<u>Season</u>
Fredericksburg C&H*	6(8) Horses	5/1-5/31
Millberry C&H	Nonuse for Resource Protection 2012	

*The on-off provision permits the Fredericksburg allotment to be stocked with 8 horses from 5/1-5/31 on Forest Service administered land and land controlled by you, which together form a natural grazing unit. You have indicated that you will be turning out 8 horses on Fredericksburg. The use by these livestock will be approximately 6 horses on National Forest System administered lands.

Actual turn on date will depend on range readiness. For the purpose of livestock accountability, contact the district office five to seven days prior to turnout and when you make unit moves. Please keep us posted about activities and conditions of the allotment. The District Ranger must approve any use outside the authorized numbers and season listed above in advance.

ALLOWABLE USE:

Fredericksburg C&H:

Upland sites:

- * Utilization on grasses is not to exceed 40%, and 30% on shrubs.

It is your responsibility to monitor utilization and ensure that the allowable use standards are not exceeded. You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and to move or remove livestock from the allotment to prevent exceeding these standards. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with the allowable use standards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone your Range Specialist.



RANGE IMPROVEMENTS:

Range improvements listed in your permit must be maintained to standards listed in Part 3 of your term grazing permit prior to livestock entering the allotments. If an improvement is inaccessible prior to the on date, you must notify staff in my office prior to livestock entry into the allotment.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT:

Forms for recording your actual use and range improvement maintenance costs are included with this plan. Please complete and return the forms by December 31, 2012.

Salt must be placed at least ¼ mile from water, (springs, seeps, and streams), roads, and trails. If you have questions about the placement of salt, contact the range specialist, and she will locate suitable sites with your input. Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water and from roads and trails used by the public. All garbage associated with managing the allotments must be removed from National Forest system lands. If you see a wildfire, please contact the Minden Interagency Dispatch at **(775) 883-5995**.

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 is 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 fee is \$1.35 per head month.

Only cattle and horse with the letter C on the right hip are authorized to graze on the Fredericksburg and Millberry C&H allotments.

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.

As a reminder, approval of requests for permittee convenience nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse 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 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.

Other:

We will be GPSing the improvements on the allotment this summer to update our records, as well as checking for permit compliance.

If you have any questions regarding these instructions or any aspect of grazing on the National Forest, please call Courtney Ghiglieri at (775) 844-8150.

Sincerely,

Encl: actual use and maintenance record forms.