2012 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

PERMITTEE: Wade T. and Cara R. Small
PERMIT #: 60120; expires 12/31/2021
ALLOTMENT(s): Van Duzer C&H & Cobb Creek CU

The following are your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Chicken Creek C&H, Van Duzer C&H, and Cobb Creek CU grazing allotment(s) as discussed. The permitted use stated in your Term Grazing Permit is listed below along with authorized use for the 2012 grazing season. The scheduled dates of use are flexible, but it is the permittees responsibility to notify the Forest Officer a minimum of five days prior to turnout, and a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made to the dates stated below. The District Ranger must approve any changes made in this planned use. Upon payment of fees, you are authorized to graze as follows:

VAN DUZER C&H and COBB CREEK CU
PERMITTED USE

Allotment	Numbers/Class	Season of Use	Head Months
Van Duzer C&H	133 c/c	5/1-9/1	542
	112 c/c	10/1-12/15	280
	*Range Facility-Pasture 5 horses	5/15-7/20	11
Cobb Creek CU	**Variable-used with Van Duzer		

*****Range Facility-Pasture is to be used in connection with the grazing season and is not to exceed a total of 5 horses between both permittees grazing in common on the allotment.

VAN DUZER C&H and COBB CREEK CU
AUTHORIZED USE

Unit	Numbers/Class	Season of Use	Head Months
Little Chicken Creek	93 yearlings	5/1-5/30	156
Dry Creek		5/20-6/20	
Deer Creek	93 yearlings	5/1-6/20	156
Laurel Basin	186 yearlings	6/21-7/27	226
Van Duzer/Cobb**	186 yearlings	7/28-9/1	220
Deer Creek	157 yearlings	10/1-12/15	392
Van Duzer			
Dry Creek			
Range Facility-Pasture*	2 horse	5/15-7/20	4

Turn out date depends upon range readiness. For validation purposes, permitted cow/calf numbers will be temporarily converted to yearlings for the 2012 grazing season; the conversion is reflected in the authorized use for the Van Duzer C&H and Cobb Creek CU grazing allotments and will be reviewed annually.
******Cobb Creek CU will be used in conjunction with either the Van Duzer or the Laurel Basin Units of the Van Duzer Allotments. Variable numbers and period of use to average 140 head months.

PERMITTED LIVESTOCK BRAND(s):

COMPLIANCE:
Upon signature, these Annual Operating Instructions supplement and are part of your Term Grazing Permit #60120 consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a) of the General Provisions and Requirements. Please review your Term Grazing Permit and Temporary Grazing Permit prior to the 2012 grazing season and ask questions if any portion of these documents in unclear. Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some parts of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

Your compliance with this instruction is essential for the proper management of National Forest System lands. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and this instruction will result in permit action which can include suspension or cancellation of part or all of your Term Grazing Permit. All livestock must be removed from National Forest system lands within 72 hours of notification and controlled to prevent re-entry.

BILLING: Grazing fees for 2012 are $1.35 per head month and the unauthorized use fee is fee is $2.24 per head 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 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 are required to delay turnout or leave the allotment early, you may request and be given credit against the next year's bill for collection for the unused head months. Requests need to be received by the end of the current years grazing season. The permittee will not be eligible for a credit if credit applications and grazing use records are received after December 31.

Extensions of the authorized and paid for grazing season, if desired, must be requested at least 21 days in advance of the off date to allow time for inspection, billing and subsequent payment of additional grazing fees.

Livestock remaining on the National Forest System lands after the end of the authorized grazing season must be billed for at the unauthorized use rate, and may be cause for action to be taken against the grazing permit.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT:
Grazing System: Van Duzer/Cobb Creek-Deferred Rotation

STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES:
Allowable use is the degree of grazing specified for a particular area and/or plant(s). Please review the following Utilization Standards table obtained from your permit prior to turning out as the use level stated is the maximum utilization allowed for the planned season of use.

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 identifying key areas, please do not hesitate to contact Annie Dixon.

ALLOTMENT: VAN DUZER C&H

Category	Area Name	Key Species	Utilization
Class II	Van Duzer Creek Cobb Creek Dry Creek Springs & Seeps	Desirable Grasses and Sedges	45%
Class III	Lime Creek Spring Creek Banty Gulch Springs & Seeps	Desirable Grasses and Sedges	55%
Class IV	Deer Creek Haystack Creek Little Chicken Creek	Desirable Grasses and Sedges	55%
Class V	Springs & Seeps		65%
Uplands	All Units	Bluebunch wheatgrass Idaho Fescue	60%
Upland Browse	All Units	Bitterbrush	50%
Riparian Browse	All Streams	Willows	35%

ALLOTMENT: COBB CREEK CU

Category	Area Name	Key Species	Utilization**
Class II	Van Duzer Creek	Desirable Grasses and Sedges	45%
Class III	Lime Creek Banty Gulch	Desirable Grasses and Sedges	55% (total by sheep and cattle)
Uplands	All Units	Bluebunch wheatgrass Idaho Fescue	60% (total by sheep and cattle)
Upland Browse	All Units	Snowberry	35%
Riparian Browse	All Units	Willows	35%

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS:

Range improvements listed in your permit must be maintained to the standards identified in part three of your Term Grazing Permit prior to livestock entering the allotment(s). Improvements used in common will be maintained before either permittee is scheduled to turn-on. If the allotment is in non-use status, the permittee is still responsible for assigned improvement maintenance.

Please be aware that it is necessary to plan projects with at least one-year lead-time to allow for the required documentation and clearances. Please work with the Rangeland Management Specialist to develop a schedule for large projects.

PERMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS:

Salt and Supplement Placement: Place salt or supplement at least ¼ mile from water sources and away from trailheads, roads, and key areas. Place salt in areas lightly grazed to encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range. Salt will be removed from areas where maximum allowable use levels have been reached or at the end of the grazing season. Salt fed in loose form shall be contained in an approved receptacle that will keep it from spilling onto the ground. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Forest Officer, salt or supplement shall be removed from a pasture when the livestock are removed.

Disposal of Dead Livestock: Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from any water source, out of view of roads or trails, and away from any areas of significant public use.

Noxious Weeds/Invasive Species: By USDA order 04-00-097, all non-pelletized hay, straw, or mulch possessed, stored, or transported on National Forest System Lands, in individual bales or containers, must be tagged or marked as noxious weed free, or must have the original and current evidence of noxious weed free certification documentation present. All markings must meet the State and/or county standards for certification as noxious weed free.

If livestock are being fed hay prior to coming on to the Forest, please see to it that they are fed weed free hay at least 2 days prior to entering the Forest.

Any equipment used in the transport of livestock, including horse trailers and stock trucks, should be washed before coming onto the allotment if they have been used in areas where noxious weeds are present.

Your assistance in locating noxious weed sites and reporting them to your Forest Officer is greatly appreciated. If you are able and willing to assist in treating noxious weeds, please work with your Forest Officer to determine how best to help.

REQUIRED REPORTING:

Enclosed is a Grazing Use Record for the upcoming season. Please use this form to record the dates livestock spend on the allotment as well as other information such as livestock loss, grazing use, resource concerns, improvement needs/maintenance costs, etc. The grazing use record should be submitted to the district office by December 31, 2012.

COORDINATION & COOPERATION:

If you spot a wildfire, report it immediately to the interagency dispatch center in Elko, NV at (775)748-4000.

NONUSE:
As a reminder, requests for nonuse of term grazing permits for personal convenience must be made annually by the permittee in writing sufficiently in advance of the start of the permitted grazing season (normally 30 days). Full or partial permittee convenience nonuse may be approved for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten year period.

As the term permit holder, you are responsible for the maintenance on all assigned improvements on your permitted allotments during the nonuse period.

MAPS, FORMS, & ATTACHMENTS:
You will find attached to your AOI a Grazing Use Record and we will provide you with an updated allotment map(s) as they become available.

NOTICE:
The permittee will provide the Mountain City Ranger District with notification of any changes or deviation he or she wishes to make in these Annual Operating Instructions. This includes changes in animal numbers, class of livestock, period of use (changes in entry or exit dates from unit to unit), or changes in pasture rotation. No changes in these instructions will be recognized without this verification.

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. Please keep us posted about activities and conditions on the allotment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding management, please do not hesitate to contact Annie Dixon at (775)778-6166.

Prepared by: _____
Rangeland Management Specialist Date

Signed by: _____
Permittee Date

Approved by: _____
District Ranger Date

Enclosures: Grazing Use Record, Bill for Collection