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Todd and Ally Sceirine

Dear Todd and Ally:

This letter documents the meeting between Todd Sceirine and Rixey Jenkins on April 24, 2012 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2012 grazing season on the Frying Pan - Murphy Creek C&H allotment. 2012 use on the Conway C&H allotment will be addressed later this year.

**PERMITTED USE**

The following is a summary of your permitted use which expires on 12/31/2020:

The Frying Pan - Murphy Creek C&H allotment is grazed with a 4 year rest rotation system from June 16 to September 20. The Yparraquirre Unit is grazed under an on/off provision from May 1 to October 31. The permitted use for the National Forest portion of the Yparraquirre Unit is 2 cow/calf pairs; the off portion is 148 cow/calf pairs. In accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit, no livestock are allowed on National Forest System lands outside the above season of use.

**AUTHORIZED USE**

This is year 2 in the grazing rotation cycle. Authorized use for the 2012 grazing season is the same as the permitted use.

| Unit | Order | Season |
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| Lower | 1st | 6/16 |
| Lower South Murphy | 1st | |
| Green Ranch | 2nd | to |
| Judge Chambers | 2nd | |
| Frying Pan | 3rd | |
| South Murphy | 3rd | 9/20 |
| North Murphy | Rest | Rest |
| Yparraquire | | 2 “on” 5/1-10/31 |

Livestock movement between units is based on utilization levels. The North Murphy Unit will be rested this year. You are authorized to run heifers in the Judge Chambers unit for the duration of the grazing season. If use is met in the unit, the heifers must be moved to other units or off the allotment.

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8 (a). 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.

**ALLOWABLE USE**

Allowable use standards are listed in part three of your term grazing permit. You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and for moving your livestock to the next scheduled unit or removing them from the allotment when the last unit has been grazed. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. If you need assistance in

determining utilization levels please contact Rixey.

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| Riparian Areas: | 55% use on the herbaceous species Nevada bluegrass and sedges<br>30% use overall. 20% use on shrubs (willows). |
| Upland Areas: | 55% use on herbaceous species and 50% use on bitterbrush. |
| Streambank Disturbance: | 20% on all creeks, except Murphy Creek |
| Murphy Creek Watershed: | 10% streambank disturbance on the length of Murphy Creek<br>30% use on grass and grass-like species in riparian areas<br>20% use on woody riparian species<br>45% use on key upland grass species |

In addition, if you locate any sick, injured, or dead fish on Murphy Creek, you must notify this office immediately.

You were in Non-Compliance along Murphy Creek last grazing season. Please pay particular attention to utilization levels there and keep your livestock off of the creek once you have reached utilization. If utilization levels are exceeded this year, your permit will be suspended.

**MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Allotment maps and management requirements for those allotments you are permitted to graze have been provided to you.

Only the 3 over W and Eyeglasses brands are authorized under your term grazing permit.

Range improvements listed under part three in your term permit must be maintained before livestock enter allotments. The maintenance standards, also listed in part three of your permit, must be followed when maintaining improvements. Range improvements must be maintained even when there is non-use on an allotment; for whatever reason.

Place salt at least ¼ mile from water, roads, and trails. If there are specific areas that require salt placement outside these guidelines, you must obtain approval from this office prior to salting. Haul dead livestock at least 100 yards from roads, trails, and water. All garbage and debris associated with managing your livestock on Forest Service allotments must be removed from the National Forest.

If you or your employees spot a wildfire on any of your allotments, report it immediately to the Interagency Dispatch Center in Minden, NV at (775) 883-5995. As a reminder, if the Bridgeport Ranger District enters into fire restrictions during 2012, this restriction applies to your operation as well.

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. A Noxious Weed Free Hay order has been implemented on our Forest. This requires any hay that is brought onto the National Forest must 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. Pelletized feed is not affected by this order.

**REPORTING**

I have included forms for recording your actual use and range improvement maintenance on the allotment. Please complete the forms and return them to my office no later than November 30, 2012.

**GENERAL MANAGEMENT**

The 2012 grazing fees are the same as 2011. The fee is $1.35 per head month.

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.

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.

The Bridgeport Travel Management Record of Decision was signed on March 5, 2010. With the issuance of this decision all roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use will be identified on a 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 (e.g., term grazing permit). Through the 2012 grazing season, you and your employees are authorized to travel on routes within the allotments in your permit to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of your term grazing permit (e.g., improvement maintenance, dead livestock removal).

If you have any questions regarding the Frying Pan-Murphy Creek C&H allotment please contact Rixey at (760) 932-5850.

Sincerely,

*/s/Mike Crawley*
MIKE CRAWLEY
District Ranger

Encl: Improvement Maintenance Form and Actual Use Record