ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
PFAFF PASTURE
2012

Yvonne Pfaff
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Dear Mrs. Pfaff:

This letter will serve as your annual grazing plan of use for the 2012 season. Please plan to put two head of horses into the pasture on July 1. The horses are permitted to graze for one month, but must be removed sooner if a four inch average stubble height of the grasses is reached.

It is the responsibility of each grazing permittee to control noxious weeds within the pasture. If chemical control is anticipated, prior approval must be obtained by the Forest Service.

General Management Instructions

1. No livestock may enter National Forest prior to July 1 unless range readiness is established and authorized by the District Ranger. We will be monitoring plant maturity and keeping you appraised of the situation.
2. Cattle must be off National Forest by August 1 unless prior approval is obtained from the District Ranger.
3. Livestock should be well dispersed and scattered. Riding can generally provide sufficient distribution and proper range use. The permittee will be required to provide the riding needed to properly manage the permitted livestock. Salt is also a valuble tool to distribute livestock to parts of the suitable range that might otherwise be lightly used. As a rule, salt should be placed where additional forage utilization is desired. Salt should not be placed within 200 yards of water if at all possible.
4. The permittee is responsible for annual maintenance of range improvements as listed in part 3 of the grazing permit. Maintenance needs to be completed prior to moving livestock into the unit.
5. Permittee will adhere to the Teton County Weed and Pest Control District's quarantine of weed infested farm products.
6. Your Forest Service contact is Karl Buermeyer at 543-3909.
7. You must follow the provisions in this plan and your ten year Term Grazing Permit.
8. Maximum forage utilization levels will be 60% for upland sites and 65% for riparian sites. These guidelines apply to all types of grazing use including livestock, wildlife, and recreation.
9. All grazing fees must be paid prior to turn-on. Fees are not considered paid until notification is received that payment has cleared "Lockbox".

Grizzly Bear Operation and Maintenance Plan

This allotment is situated within habitat for the threatened grizzly bear. The following items will be followed for your protection and the protection of the bears.

1. The permittee is responsible for notifying the Forest Service immediately of any grizzly bear encounters, suspected predation by grizzly bears, or potential or existing grizzly bear conflict situations.
2. Death of any livestock will be reported to the nearest Forest Service official in as timely manner as possible.
3. All carcasses of permitted livestock, or parts of carcasses, must be removed when possible. Removal must occur in as timely a manner as possible, but only when human safety is not jeopardized. Removed means packed, dragged, destroyed with explosives or otherwise transported to a location:
   (a) At least ½ mile from any sleeping area or tent, forest road, trail or recreation site;
   (b) At least 100 yards from any sleeping area or tent, forest road or recreation site and **acceptably stored**; and
   (c) At least 100 feet from live water.

Other options for carcass disposal may include using explosives or burning the carcass at the discretion of a Forest Service official. No carrcasses will be removed if human safety is a concern.

4. All human, pet, and livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additves), beverages, garbage, cooking grease, and other odorous substances must be stored, handled, and disposed of in such a manner as to make it unavailable to bears. Unavailable means stored in a bear-resistant container (approved by a Forest official), stored in a closed vehicle constructed of solid non-pliable material, or suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and at all points 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole.
5. Burying food, garbage, refuse, or grease is prohibited.
6. Burnable garbage and grease may be burned as long as it is burned completely in a very hot fire. All garbage will be stored unavailable to bears and non-burnable garbage will be packed out on a regular basis and not allowed to accumulate.
7. Bear resistant containers" will be required for food/refuse storage in camps if the camps do not have "acceptable storage" facillities for food and refuse. "Bear resistant container" means a securable container constructed of solid non-pliable material capable of withstanding 200 foot-pounds of energy applied by direct impact.
8. If additional terms and conditions are required in the biological opinion prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service they will become part of your annual operating instructions upon approval of the biological opinion.

Dale A. Deiter

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District Ranger