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Susan & Davie Kern
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Dear Susan & Davie:

The following letter will document your meeting with Boyd Hatch, on April 17, 2012 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2013 summer grazing season on the Lamance Allotment. The District Ranger must approve any changes to this AOI.

The grazing system on this allotment is deferred rotation. The scheduled dates of use are flexible but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made in the below dates, unless utilization is met and livestock need to be moved to keep from over utilization. The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

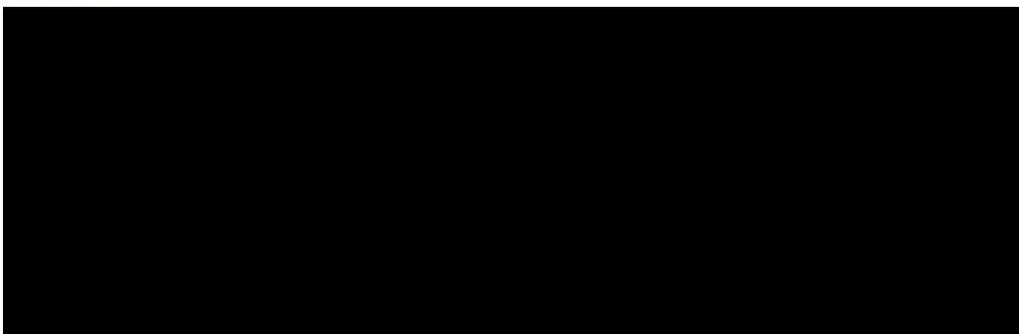
Lamance C&H Permitted Use

| <u>Permittee</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Permitted numbers</u> | <u>Season of Use</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Keystone Ranch | C/C | 120 | 5/21 – 8/31 |
| Susan & David Kern | C/C | 160 | 5/21 – 8/31 |

Lamance C&H Authorized Use

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>SEASON</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. Lamance | 294 | Rest |
| 2. Dry Creek | 294 | May 21– June 30 |
| 3. Upper Cottonwood | 264 | July 1 – August 31 |

Permitted Livestock Brands:



COMPLIANCE:

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). The scheduled dates of use are flexible but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made in the below dates. Other 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 The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

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 the 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.

Weeds will likely increase due to the Hansen fire, please help us locate any new infestations so we can quickly treat them.

BILLING:

Grazing fees remained unchanged from last year. The fee is now \$1.35 per head month.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Type of Rotation: Deferred Rotation.

STANDARDS AND GUIDES:

Drought is very likely this summer it will be essential that you keep in mind that timing for moving your livestock is determined by utilization or actual use. It is important not to put additional stress on the vegetation by over utilization/grazing. Please keep in mind that if the range does not receive more moisture to support the time frames discussed the livestock may need to come off early this year.

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 locating key areas, please contact Boyd. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas.

RIPARIAN SITES:

| AREA | PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE |
|---|-----------------------|
| Dry Creek | 65% |
| S. Fork Hanson Cr., N. Fork Hanson Cr., Lamance Cr., and Little Cottonwood Cr. (all below wilderness boundary) | 55% |
| S. Fork Hanson Cr., N. Fork Hanson Cr., Lamance Cr., and Little Cottonwood Cr. (all above wilderness boundary) | 45% |
| All riparian shrubs such as Willows and Aspen | 35% |

UPLAND SITES:

Use is 65% on upland sites. Key species are: mountain brome, basin wildrye, Sandberg bluegrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, squirreltail, and Idaho fescue. Use is 50% on upland browse species such as serviceberry, bitterbrush, sagebrush, and snowberry.

IMPROVEMENTS:

Range improvements listed in part three of your grazing permit must be maintained before cattle enter the allotments. The maintenance standards listed in part three of your term permit must be followed when maintaining the improvements. As you're doing water trough maintenance please install wildlife ramps in all troughs that currently don't have them. We have several new ramps completed at the Paradise Valley Ranger Station. Please let Dave Kern or Boyd know when you are going to pick them up and they will make sure they are available.

PERMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS:

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 Boyd and he will determine a suitable location with your input.

REQUIRED REPORTING:

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 forms following the 2012 grazing season by November 30, 2012.

COORDINATION & COOPERATION:

If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the interagency dispatch center in Winnemucca, NV at (775) 623-1555 or 1-800-535-6076.

MAPS, FORMS & ATTACHMENTS:

Allotment map showing pasture and fence responsibilities have been attached to this AOI.

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:

Reconstruction of the Hanson Fire fence will start this summer. Due to funding we are unsure on how much we will be able to get built, but we are trying to build as much as we can so we can possibly use the Lamance pasture next fall.

If you have any questions or concerns this grazing season, please call Boyd at (775) 623-5025 x 119.

Sincerely,



Acting for:

JEFF ULRICH
District Ranger