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Ron and Denise Cerri
Rebel Creek Ranch
6 Rebel Creek Rd.
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Dear Ron & Denise,

The following letter will document your meeting with Boyd Hatch, on April 5, 2013 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2013 summer grazing season on the Rebel Creek Allotment. The District Ranger must approve any changes to this AOI.

Until the 251 appeal is resolved we will be managing under the forest plan and amendment 2 standards.

The grazing system on this allotment is rest 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.

REBEL CREEK C&H
PERMITTED USE

Allotment	Class	Number	Season
Rebel Creek C&H	c/c	250	6/1 – 9/1

Rebel Creek C&H
AUTHORIZED USE

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Eagle Creek	c/c	125	6/1 – 7/15
Rebel Creek	c/c	125	6/1 – 7/15
Rebel Creek	c/c	250	7/16 – 9/1
McConnell Creek	c/c	Rest	Rest
Wood Creek	c/c	Rest	Rest

It will be critical that you intensively manage cattle this year to encourage even distribution of use. Riparian areas will need extra monitoring and when utilization is met livestock will need to be moved off the allotment.

Permitted Livestock Brands:

[redacted]

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.

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

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT
Type of Rotation: Rest 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 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
Rebel Creek and within 300 ft of Category 2 seeps and springs	**45%** use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Eagle Creek, Spring Creek, Wood Canyon Creek, Rock Creek, Antelope Creek, McConnell Creek, and within 300 ft of Category 3 seeps and springs	**60%** use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Riparian Browse	**50%** of current years growth willow species

UPLAND SITES:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
All upland	**65%** use of key species mountain brome, bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, squirrltail.
Upland Browse	**50%** of current years growth snowberry, serviceberry, mahogany, bitterbrush

REST UNITS: Wood Canyon and McConnell Creek

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 Hatch 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 2013 grazing season by November 30, 2013.

OTHER:
We talked about the need for a new gate or hiker friendly path going up the Rebel Creek trail. We will go and look at this with you to determine a good solution so that the gate will not be left open. We also talked about the need to reconstruct the boundary fence between Rebel Creek and Granite Peak Allotments.

We also talked about the gates that been stolen and we can help with the replacement of those gates, please contact Dave Kern 775-578-3521 or Boyd to get those materials.

COORDINATION & COOPERATION:
If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the interagency dispatch center in Winnemucca, NV at (775) 623-3444 or 1-800-535-6076.

MAPS, FORMS & ATTACHMENTS:
Allotment map, signature page, actual use and permit maintenance forms are 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.

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