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Hilton Family Trust  
c/o Ernie Paine  
11 Pine Grove Rd  
Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Ernie:

The following letter will document your meeting with Rixey Jenkins on October 21, 2013 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the Larkin Lake C&H, East Walker C&H, Whiskey Flat C&H and Wild Horse C&H allotments for the 2013-2014 winter grazing season.

Permitted Use:

Allotment	Class	Number	Season
East Walker C&H	Cow/calf	452	12/1-3/31
Larkin Lake C&H	Cow/calf	446	11/1-11/30
Whiskey Flat C&H	Cow/calf	203	11/1-4/15
Wildhorse C&H	Cow/calf	50	12/1-5/31

Authorized Use for the 2013-2014 Winter Grazing Season:

Allotment	Class	Number	Season
East Walker C&H	Cow/calf	452	12/1-3/31
Larkin Lake C&H	Non-Use ( Resource Protection )		
Whiskey Flat C&H	Non-Use ( Resource Protection )		
Wildhorse C&H	Non-Use ( Resource Protection )		

Only cattle bearing the Flying M brand are allowed on the allotments. This AOI is made part of your term grazing permit consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Situations may develop during the grazing season which require 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

East Walker C&H must be grazed within the allowable use standards listed below.

Riparian sites:

Maximum of 45% use of the current year's growth of grass species

Maximum of 20% use of the current year's growth of shrub species



Upland sites:

Maximum of 45% use of the current year's growth of grass species

Maximum of 20% use of the current year's growth of shrub species

You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and for moving your cattle to other areas 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 Rixey or Aaron. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas.

#### RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Range improvements listed in Part 3 of your grazing permit must be maintained to standard before cattle enter the allotments. The maintenance standards listed in Part 3 of your term grazing permit must be followed when maintaining the improvements.

As a reminder, permittees are required to maintain all range improvements on their allotments even when taking non-use.

Part 2, Section 8(i) of your term grazing permit states:

“This permit is issued and accepted with the provision that the permittee will maintain all range improvements, whether private or government-owned, that are assigned for maintenance to standards of repair, orderliness, and safety acceptable to the Forest Service. Improvements to be maintained are specified in Part 3 of this permit. The Government may maintain or otherwise improve said improvements when, in its opinion, such action will be to its advantage.”

#### GENERAL MANAGEMENT

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 Rixey or Aaron and they will determine a suitable location with your input. If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the interagency dispatch center in Minden, NV at (775) 883-5995.

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 for winter allotments by April 30, 2014.**

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 our 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.

The grazing fees for 2013 are the base rate of \$1.35 per head month.

In addition, approval of requests for personal convenience and resource protection nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Requests for non-use must be done in writing and the approval of a request for 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.

Bridgeport Travel Management Record of Decision was signed 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). During the 2013 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 any of the allotments for which you have permits, please call Rixey at (760) 932-5850 or Aaron at (760) 932-5852.

Sincerely,



BRIAN WHITE  
Acting District Ranger

Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Record