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Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2025 Annual Operating Instructions for the Lewis-Allen Allotment and will become part of your Term Grazing Permit #00104. The annual operating meeting was held on March 6th, 2025 in Manila, UT with Ritchie Anderson (by phone), Carol Gardiner, Raymond Terry, and Cherette Bonomo.

Lewis-Allen Allotment:

Below in Tables 1 and 2 you will find your grazing schedules and utilization benchmarks for the Lewis-Allen Allotment. The scheduled dates below are to be used as guidelines depending on range readiness, precipitation, forage production, utilization, permittee needs, and adaptive management. The movement of livestock will depend upon available water and forage. It is your responsibility to ensure utilization benchmarks are not exceeded and to move livestock when allowable use is met.

Table 1: Ritchie & Jessica Anderson’s - Grazing Schedule and Utilization Benchmarks

Unit	Kind/Class	Numbers	Date ¹	Utilization Benchmarks ²
Alabama Flat	Cattle (Cow/Calf)	42	May 15 – May 31	≤ 50% Key Forage Species ≥ 4” Stubble Height along Greenline
North Unit*			June 1 – July 6	
South Unit			July 6 – September 30	

¹Does not include the Swett Ranch portion of the allotment.

Table 1: Carol L Gardiner Living Trust’s - Grazing Schedule and Utilization Benchmarks

Unit	Kind/Class	Numbers	Date ¹	Utilization Benchmarks ²
North Unit*	Cattle (Cow/Calf)	43	June 1 – July 6	≤ 50% Key Forage Species ≥ 4” Stubble Height along Greenline
South Unit			July 6 – September 30	
Swett Ranch		40	May 26 – September 25	See Swett Ranch Section Below

¹Dates are estimates and may vary based upon range readiness, drought, utilization benchmarks being reached prior to the move date, and/or other factors. ²Utilization will be monitored at key areas of the allotment. Key areas are those areas most preferred by livestock, are typically grazed first, and receive the most concentrated use.

The 2025 livestock grazing fee for authorized use of western United States National Forests,



Grasslands and Land Utilization Projects is \$1.35 per head month (HM) for cattle.

Your Bill for Collection of grazing fees must be paid before livestock owned and/or controlled by the permittee are allowed on National Forest lands (due date 10 days prior to first turn on date). Payments can be made by mail (see bill for collection for mailing address and other payment details), in person at any Forest Service Office (bill number required), or online at WWW.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY. Please allow 4 business days for payment processing once received.

Equal utilization of the range is the objective. This requires regular riding and salting be properly conducted throughout the entire grazing season. Rotate your salting areas during the grazing season and from year to year. Place your salt in good forage producing areas where livestock do not go by preference. Do not place your salt next to water, roads, trails, or in open meadows.

Permittees need to work together managing livestock on the allotment and actively involved ensuring livestock are in the correct unit(s), properly distributed within those units, and moved from unit to unit when needed. Also ensure all livestock are removed from the unit, if not all livestock are found, permittee(s) need to actively return to that unit to locate livestock and remove as soon as possible. Every effort must be taken to completely remove livestock off National Forest lands by the scheduled off date. Livestock will be gathered using temporary corrals just east of Swett Ranch or at Red Canyon holding corral.

You are responsible for the maintenance of all your range improvements listed in Part 3 of your term grazing permit and associated Allotment Management Plan (AMP) one week prior to your scheduled-on date. This allows for the inspection of your improvements and any potential concerns to be addressed before your livestock enter the allotment. If your maintenance responsibilities have not been completed to the standards listed in your permit, livestock will not be allowed to enter the allotment. All labor and materials needed for maintenance is your responsibility. Any OHV use in the administration of your allotments is limited to existing roads unless permission is otherwise obtained.

Highway safety remains a major concern for this allotment. The following measures will continue to be implemented to provide for continued highway safety:

- Livestock crossing road signs were placed along Highway 44 by UDOT. Additional signs/lights/flagging along Highway 44 may be needed. Livestock crossing signs will continue to be placed along Highway 191 each season at appropriate locations. Permittee's will continue to coordinate with each other and UDOT in the placement of signs. Signage permittee's put up will be removed when livestock is removed from the allotment.

Other items discussed:

- Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area Management Plan final, objection review phase. No changes to livestock grazing management.

- Prescribed fire possibly occurring this spring, dependent on weather conditions, focus areas include Greendale Junction east, Skull Creek, Red Canyon.
- Missing livestock in Daggett County, discussed Uintah County Cattlemen's Association rewards available for information leading to conviction, Daggett County residents can become a member.
- Highway 191 new cattleguard was successfully installed after paving operations were completed summer 2024.
- Discussed why cattleguard was taken out on highway 191 south, need to research.
- Greens Lake boundary fence extension needs rebuilt in certain sections.

Swett Ranch Portion of the Lewis-Allen Allotment (Carol L Gardiner Living Trust):

Season of use will occur approximately June 1st to September 25th in Pastures 1, 2, 3, and Swett Ranch Yard (SRY). The 40 cow/calf pairs will be trailed from adjacent private lands to the Swett Ranch. Grazing will occur in each pasture until the relevant utilization benchmark (i.e. average four inch or greater stubble height) is met or by the date determined to move livestock into the next scheduled unit to be grazed, whichever comes first. Grazing within the SRY will occur to reduce the threat of fire to historic buildings in the area. Livestock will be removed from National Forest lands when any utilization benchmark has been met in the last pasture to be grazed or by September 30th, whichever comes first. Grazing results from this and past grazing seasons will continue to be used to refine grazing management in subsequent grazing seasons.

Prior to turn on, review the letter sent to you by the Forest Service dated July 26, 2011. This letter describes expectations for you regarding the management of Swett Ranch. Items emphasized in the letter and again at the meeting included 1) receiving approval before implementing any changes to your AOI (i.e. changes to the grazing schedule, range improvements, etc.); and 2) continuing to work in close cooperation with the Forest Service in developing and implementing the Swett Ranch activity days. Your point of contacts will be Cali Veautour, Visitor Services Information Assistant, at office: (435) 781-5248 and your range specialist.

- Swett Ranch Historic Days – Two Swett Ranch historical days are tentatively planned for 2025. First activity will be “Branding Day” scheduled for May 31st. The second activity is pending. These historical Swett Ranch days/activities continue to be a part of the terms and conditions of Carol L Gardiner Living Trust term grazing permit and will continue to occur on an annual basis.
- Coordinate livestock grazing to keep conflicts with recreation as minimal as possible.
- Swett Ranch opens with volunteer staffing starting on Memorial weekend running through Labor Day.

Find enclosed is your 2025 Grazing Bill for Collection to be paid by the due date and Grazing Use Record form to be returned to the FGRD office after the 2025 grazing season. Please continue to keep us informed on what's happening on your allotments and thank for your cooperation in the proper management of the Lewis-Allen Allotment. If you have any questions, changes, or comments, please contact Cherrite Bonomo, Rangeland Management Specialist, at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

BRYAN WILSON
District Ranger

Enclosures (3)
2025 Grazing Bill of Collection
Grazing Use Record
Travel Plan Variance Form