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Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2025 Annual Operating Instructions for the Lonesome Park Allotment and will become part of your Term Grazing Permit. The annual operating meeting was held at the Vernal Ranger District office on January 29th, 2025 with Morgan Beal (Rancho Escondido LLC’s ranch manager), Cherrite Bonomo, Todd Irish, and Erin Kavanagh.

Lonesome Park Allotment:

Below in Table 1 and 2 you will find the Lonesome Park Allotment grazing schedules and utilization benchmarks for the Vernal Ranger District (VRD) and the Flaming Gorge Ranger District (FGRD). 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.

**Total livestock permitted for Lonesome Park Allotment is 300 head of cattle as stated on your term grazing permit. Livestock numbers listed below are tentative as they may adjusted closer to turn out dependent on range conditions.*

Table 1: VRD-Lonesome Park Allotment Grazing Schedule and Utilization Benchmarks

Kind/Class	Numbers	Proposed Dates ¹	Utilization Benchmarks ²
Cattle (Cow/Calf)	100	June 20 - September 25	≤ 50% Key Forage Species ≥ 4” Stubble Height along Greenline

Table 2: VRD Lonesome Park Allotment Rotation Schedule

Year	Kane Hollow	East Park
2025	June 20 – July 14 (25 days)	July 15 – September 15 (63 days)

- Year 2025 cattle can begin trailing to Kane Hollow 7 days before on date and must all be removed from East Park by September 15.

Table 3: FGRD-Lonesome Park Allotment Grazing Schedule and Utilization Benchmarks

Unit	Kind/Class	Numbers	Proposed Dates ¹	Utilization Benchmarks ²
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Dowd Mountain	Cattle (Cow/Calf)	200	June 20 – July 27	≤ 50% Key Forage Species ≥ 4” Stubble Height along Greenline
Eagle Basin			July 28 - September 15	

¹Dates are estimates and may vary based upon range readiness, drought, utilization benchmarks, 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 (e.g. East Park, Round Park, Meadow Park, Kane Hollow, other parks, streams, etc.).

The Allotment Management Plan (AMP) requires a full-time rider to ensure proper livestock distribution patterns and utilization levels. Please make sure that the rider understands the importance of moving cattle away from riparian areas because utilization levels achieved in these areas will determine how long you can stay on the allotment. Review your full-time rider’s camping location with your rangeland management specialist before you set up camp so that the site can be approved. This letter is your authorization to camp there the length of the grazing season or until required to move. Please note that you are required to keep a clean and orderly camp.

Livestock need to be kept in their appropriate units, properly distributed within those units, and moved from unit to unit when needed. This requires riding and salting be properly conducted throughout the entire grazing season. Do not place your salt next to water, roads, trails, or in open meadows.

When livestock are within the Eagle Basin Unit, highway safety measures as stated in the AMP will be followed to provide for continued highway safety.

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.

Maintenance and other permit related items specifically discussed include the following:

- Red Canyon Holding Pasture Fence (001505A): The north fence of the holding pasture that connects into private and Lonesome Park/Lewis-Allen boundary fence needs to be adjusted/maintained to prevent livestock from getting into the Red Canyon area.

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: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/billpay/>. Please allow 4 business days for payment processing once received.

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 allotment and thank for your cooperation in the proper management of the Lonesome Park Allotment. If you have any questions, changes or comments, please contact Cherrite Bonomo, Rangeland Management Specialist-FGRD, at office: (435) 781-5279 or cell [REDACTED] or Todd Irish, Rangeland Management Specialist-VRD, at office: (435) 781-5168.

Sincerely,

BRYAN WILSON
District Ranger

Enclosure (2)
2025 Grazing Bill for Collection
Grazing Use Record

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