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Date: April 22, 2026

Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2026 Annual Operating Instructions for the Linwood-South Valley Allotment and will become part of your Term Grazing Permit #00170C.

Linwood-South Valley Allotment:

Below in Table 1 you will find your authorized use, grazing schedules, and utilization benchmarks for the Linwood-South Valley 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: Linwood-South Valley Allotment – Grazing Schedule & Utilization Benchmarks

Unit	Kind/Class	Number	Head Months	Dates	Utilization Benchmarks
South Linwood	Cattle (Yearlings)	225	562	June 1 – August 15	≥ 4" RSH – Irrigated Pastures and Intermittent/Perennial Drainages
North Linwood (Inside/Outside Exclosure)					≥ 6" RSH – Irrigated Pastures
South Valley	Cattle (Cow)	301	297	November 15 – December 14	≤ 50% Key Forage Species ≥ 4" RSH-Intermittent/Perennial Drainages

**Dates 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 (i.e. Birch Springs Draw, People's Canal, South Valley Creek, etc.). RSH=residual stubble height.*

Nonuse: At least 90 percent of the livestock permitted must be grazed each year, unless the Forest officer in charge approves nonuse. Failure to place livestock on the allotted range/pasture without approved nonuse may result in cancellation of the term grazing permit in whole or in part. Only livestock owned by the permittee are authorized to graze under this permit.

Livestock will be trailed from adjacent private lands onto and off National Forest lands. Emphasis will be placed on utilizing the Reeves portion of the South Valley unit. Livestock will



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.

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 items and other related items specifically discussed include the following:

- Grazing Rotation: Pay close attention to range conditions this season. May have to move through units quicker and possibly come off sooner at the end of the season.

The 2026 livestock grazing fee for authorized use of western United States National Forests, Grasslands and Land Utilization Projects is \$1.69 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.usda.gov/billpay/. Please allow 4 business days for payment processing once received.

Find enclosed is your 2026 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 2026 grazing season. Please continue to keep us informed on what's happening on your allotment and thank you for your cooperation in the proper management of the Linwood-South Valley Allotment. If you have any questions, changes or comments, please contact Cherette Bonomo, Rangeland Management Specialist, at office: (435) 781-5279.

Sincerely,

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District Ranger (Acting)

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2026 Bill for Collection

Grazing Use Record

Cc: Hugh Straatman,