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Date: April 16, 2026

Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2026 Annual Operating Instructions for the Sheep Creek Mountain Allotment and will become part of your Term Grazing Permit #00173A. The annual operating meeting was held on April 13th, 2026 by phone with Scott Slaugh and Cherette Bonomo.

Sheep Creek Mountain Allotment:

Below in Table 1 and 2 you will find your grazing schedules and utilization benchmarks for the Sheep Creek Mountain 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: Sheep Creek Mountain Allotment - Authorized Use

Permittee	Numbers	Kind	Class	Season of Use
John Tinker Family Living Trust	145	Cattle	Cow/Calf	June 1 – September 15
Scott Slaugh	28	Cattle	Cow/Calf	June 1 – September 15

Table 2: Sheep Creek Mountain Allotment - Grazing Schedule and Utilization Benchmarks

Unit	Proposed Dates ¹	Utilization Benchmarks ²
Death Valley	June 1 – June 21	≤ 40% Key Forage Species
Scrapper Springs	June 22 – July 21	≤ 50% Key Forage Species ≥ 4" Stubble Height along Greenline
Lost Springs	July 22 – August 6	
Elk Park	August 7 – 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. Scrapper Springs, Honslinger Creek, Hope Creek, Young Springs, Elk Park, etc.)

John Tinker Family Living Trust's livestock will have yellow ear tags and Scott Slaugh's livestock will have green ear tags. Scott Slaugh will truck his livestock into the yellow pine area and John Tinker Family Living Trust will truck their livestock into the Lodgepole trough area of the Death Valley Unit.

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.
- Death Valley Road Cattleguard: To be cleaned out by road crew. Fence braces need fixed adjacent to cattleguard.
- Term Grazing Permit Expiration: Slaugh's expires 2026; Tinker's expires 2027.
- Fence Maintenance: Please ensure fence bordering adjacent allotments is being maintained prior to adjacent permittee's livestock coming into that unit to prevent livestock mixing or being in unauthorized areas.

Permittees need to work together managing livestock on the allotment and actively involved ensuring livestock are in the correct unit, 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. This requires regular 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.

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 for your cooperation in the proper management of the Sheep Creek Mountain 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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Enclosure (2)
2026 Grazing Bill for Collection
Grazing Use Record