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Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as your 2026 Annual Operating Instructions for the Sheep Creek Park Allotment and will become part of your Term Grazing Permit #00103A. The annual operating meeting was held on April 16th, 2026 by phone with Donald Pallesen and Cherette Bonomo.

Sheep Creek Park Allotment:

Below in Table 1 and 2 you will find your authorized use, grazing schedules, and utilization benchmarks for the Sheep Creek Park 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 Park Allotment – Authorized Use

Permittee	Numbers	Kind/Class	Season of Use
John Tinker Family Living Trust	75 head/June 15 75 head/July 1	Cattle (Cow/Calf)	June 15 – September 20
Donald & Keri Pallesen	75 head/June 15 75 head/July 1		

Table 2: Sheep Creek Park Allotment – Grazing Schedule and Utilization Benchmarks

Unit	Proposed Dates ¹	Utilization Benchmarks ²
Conner Basin/ Sols Canyon	June 15 – June 30	≤ 40% Key Forage Species ≥ 4" Stubble Height along Greenline
Half Moon Park	July 1 – July 21	≤ 50% Key Forage Species ≥ 4" Stubble Height along Greenline
Sheep Creek Park*	July 22 - August 20	
Browne-Beaver	August 21 - September 20	

**Sheep Creek Park Unit will be considered as one unit with special emphasis of properly utilizing and distributing livestock on the north half of that unit.*

¹Dates are estimates and may vary based upon range readiness, drought, utilization benchmarks, and 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. Half Moon Park, Sheep Creek Park, Beaver Creek, Coal Mine area of Sols Canyon, etc.).

John Tinker Family Living Trust's livestock will have yellow ear tags and Donald & Keri Pallesen's livestock will have black ear tags. Pallesen's livestock (75 pair) will be shipped to the blue gate adjacent to the Conner Basin/Sols Canyon unit and trailed east into the Conner Basin area of the unit. Then livestock will be trailed up Sols Canyon to the north end of the Sheep



Creek Park unit where they will be joined by the balance of permittee's livestock which will be trucked in from the Birch Creek area. Tinker's livestock (75 pair) will be trucked to the bottom of Sols Canyon and trailed to the Coal Mine area of the Conner Basin/Sols Canyon unit. Then livestock will be trailed up Sols Canyon with all livestock to the next scheduled 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.
- 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.
- Sols Canyon: New gate was place in Sols Canyon last year to help prevent unauthorized access. If there are issues that prevent livestock from moving through, please contact your range specialist to see if we can rework the gate to ensure proper movement of livestock. The Forest Service will continue to locate and try to block off areas of unauthorized access.

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 you for your cooperation in the proper management of the Sheep Creek Park 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