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Dear HOWARD CUYLER:

THIS LETTER WILL SERVE AS YOUR ANNUAL OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SQUAW CREEK C&X ALLOTMENT (BAYHORSE SUBDIVISION) FOR THE 2008 GRAZING SEASON AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN EXTENSION OF THE SQUAW CREEK (BAYHORSE SUBDIVISION) C&X PERMIT # 30012. GRAZING FEE FOR 2008 IS \$1.35.

I. AUTHORIZED USE

ALLOTMENT	NO. and CLASS	PERMIT TYPE	SEASON OF USE	HEAD MONTHS
SQUAW CREEK/ (BAYHORSE SUBDIVISION)	142 C/c	term	7/16 - 09/30	359

II. PASTURE ROTATION

PASTURE	NUMBER	SEASON
JULIETTE	142	7/16 - 8/22
HAPPY HOLLOW	142	8/23 - 9/30

III. USE STANDARDS

KEY STREAM & REACH	GREENLINE STUBBLE HEIGHT
BAYHORSE CREEK-ROAD FORK to BAYHORSE LAKE	4 inches
SOUTH BAYHORSE CREEK (CORRAL)	4 inches
JULIETTE CREEK, HAPPY HOLLOW RIPARIAN/MEADOW	4 inches



OTHER USE AREAS	ALLOWABLE USE IN PERCENT
Upland Ecosystems	50 %
Woody Browse (new leader growth)	50 %
Bayhorse Lake Recreation Area (fenced)	Non Use

NOTE- Do not wait for the forest officer to tell you it is time to move. It is the permittee's responsibility to insure livestock are moved before utilization levels are exceeded and notify the forest officer.

Utilization of herbaceous forage will not exceed 50% current growth on upland sites; Riparian areas should retain a minimum of 4" or 6", (depending on location), of stubble on herbaceous use vegetation by the end of the growing season. Woody browse use will not exceed 50% of new leader production.

IV. Permittee Management Responsibilities

- The move-on date is only a guide since the on-date will be when range readiness occurs. Move dates should be within three days of the listed dates unless forage utilization indicates that moves need to be made earlier.
- Distribute cattle over the entire pasture being used. Make a concerted effort to use all grazable areas in a pasture. Please realize that it is in your best interest to keep cattle distributed throughout the pasture being used. Cattle will be moved out of a pasture when forage use in riparian and upland areas is at grazing standards. If cattle are allowed to concentrate in riparian areas and water developments without being pushed to unused areas, the grazing capacity of the pasture is diminished to those areas only. Use of riparian areas need to be carefully monitored. The range personnel will monitor forage use in areas where cattle concentrate.
- We encourage you to push the cattle out of riparian areas at least three times a week or more. The move off date is the date you must have your cattle off of the grazing allotment, not the day to start moving cattle off of the allotment.
- If you move on to the allotment late and want to stay past your move-off date, then you must make arrangements earlier in the grazing season and obtain prior approval from the District Ranger or authorized officer.
- Place salt in areas where past and or present forage use is light. Salt should be used to spread utilization across the pasture being grazed. If possible, place salt at least a ¼ mile from riparian areas. Salt should be picked up and moved when an area has been sufficiently used. If possible, do not place salt in the same footprint areas used last year. Contact the Range Specialist if you need suggestions. The permittee is responsible for using water and salt to achieve the best distribution of cattle throughout the pasture.
- Any carcass or animal remains will be moved at least 100 yards from live water, trails, and roads. Animal carcasses in highly visible areas need to be relocated to more remote areas. Dead or sick animals receive close public scrutiny and should be dealt with quickly.
- A Forest Weed Free Hay Special Order #04-00-097 is in effect as February 11, 2003 – "Possessing, storing, or transporting, non-pelletized hay, straw or mulch on National Forest

System Lands without having each individual bale or container tagged or marked as weed free, or having original and current evidence of weed free certification documentation present. All markings must meet the State and/or county standards for certification as weed free.

Y. Range Improvements Maintenance/Construction

- Range improvements that will need to be maintained in a manner to control livestock are the Beardsley Gulch Boundary Fence (East Section Line), Buffalo Ridge Fence (the two portions listed in your permit page 5), and the Bayhorse Creek Boundary Fence. Improvements should be maintained as needed. Fences will be checked and maintained before cattle enter a pasture, they should be kept to a standard of repair, which is functional, safe, and acceptable to the Forest Service. Any plans to reconstruct or build new improvements on the Forest should first be coordinated with the Range Specialist. Improvements are listed in your grazing permit and are shown on the allotment map.
- No construction scheduled for the 2008-grazing season
- No ground disturbing activities should be conducted on the forest by the permittee or their personnel without approval from the Range Specialist or other District staff. Under the Cultural Resource Settlement, costs to correct a damaged cultural site will be billed to the person who caused the damage. Ground disturbances can no longer be permitted, accepted, or allowed to occur on National Forest lands without prior, proper clearance.

VI. Billing Information

- Grazing fees must be paid to USDA Forest Service P.O. Box 894183 Los Angeles CA 90189-4183 and in advance of livestock entry onto the Salmon-Challis National Forest.
- Please notify the Range Specialist, Barry Dopp 208-879-4161 before cattle are turned on the forest.

VII. Forest Service Responsibilities

- Cattle move on counts may be conducted on randomly selected allotments this year. Brands will be checked periodically throughout the grazing seasons.
- Range inspections will be made several times during the grazing season to check maintenance of range improvements, forage utilization, and compliance with the grazing rotation and standard requirements. You will be invited to participate in all inspections conducted on the allotment. We will try to contact you a few days in advance to let you know when we will be looking at your allotment. Please realize we are not out to police your allotment but livestock grazing is under close public scrutiny.

X. Special Considerations for the 2008-Grazing Season

- If drought conditions persist, you may be asked to remove livestock from the Forest earlier than normal this year if water and/or forage are limited.
- Because of increasing public use, gates are often left open and cattle stray into the wrong pasture. We realize this is a problem and an inconvenience. However, it is still the **permittee's** responsibility to keep their animals in the proper unit. Cattle found in wrong pastures should be removed and returned immediately to the correct pasture after notification by phone or letter. Early use or repeated use of grazing units could result in an early move-off date. Routine checks need to be made by you and your rider. This is a requirement of your term grazing permit.
- **Installing small wildlife escape ramps has been a point of emphasis for the last few years on all troughs in the operating instructions. This year all working troughs will be expected to have these ramps installed by the end of the grazing season. Failure to install ramps can and maybe a point for non-compliance for the 2008-grazing season.** The ramps may be obtained at the Challis Ranger District please contact the Range Management Specialist to arrange for pickup.

Enclosed is a Year End Grazing Report for you to record Actual Use data and range improvement needs for the 2008 grazing season. You need to record the date and number of cattle turned onto the allotment, the dates the cattle are moved to and from each pasture, and the number and date cattle are removed from the allotment. Accurate records of these dates, maintenance work, and range improvement needs should be kept and returned to our office at the end of the grazing season. The Forest Service uses these records to help allocate Range Betterment Funds. These funds are used to purchase materials for improvement.

If you have any questions concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please call David Morris, Barry Dopp, Range Management Specialist, or myself in Challis at 208-879-4100. Prior approval by the District Ranger is required to amend or change these instructions. We are looking forward to the grazing season and hope it will be productive.

Sincerely,

/s/ Randy Draeger

RANDY DRAEGER
District Ranger

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Enclosure: Year-End/Maintenance Report