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Flying Resort Ranches, Inc
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Salmon, Idaho 83467

Dear Tammy,

This letter will serve as your Annual Operation Instructions for the Middle Fork C&H Allotment for the 2008 grazing season and should be considered as an extension of the Middle Fork C&H Permit # 01004. This year grazing fees are \$1.35.

I. Authorized Use

Allotment	No. and Class	Permit Type	Season of Use	Head Months
Middle Fork	40 Horses	Term	5/1 – 9/1	163
Middle Fork	40 Horses	Term	11/20 – 12/20	41

II. Pasture Rotation

Pasture	Number	Season	Head Months
Brush Creek (Unit #1)	40	5/1 - 7/30	120
Sheep Creek (Unit #2)	40	7/31- 9/01	43
Sheep Creek (Unit #2)	40	11/20 – 12/20	41



III. Use Standards

KEY STREAM & REACH

Riparian/Uplands

Brush Creek Unit #2

45% R, 40%U

Sheep Creek Unit # 1

45% R, 40%U

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.

Utilization of herbaceous forage will not exceed 40% current growth on upland sites; Riparian area utilization will not exceed 45%.

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 livestock 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 livestock distributed throughout the pasture being used. Livestock will be moved out of a pasture when forage use in riparian and upland areas is at grazing standards. If livestock 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 livestock concentrate.
- Your rider needs to push the livestock out of these areas at least three times a week or more. The move off date is the date you must have your livestock off the grazing allotment, not the day to start moving livestock off 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 livestock throughout the pasture.**

- Any carcass or animals 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.

V. Range Improvements Maintenance/Construction

- Range improvements must be maintained prior to placing livestock in a pasture. Improvements should be maintained as needed. Fences will be checked and maintained before livestock 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**, by the date specified on the Bill for Collection and in advance of livestock entry onto the Salmon-Challis National Forest.
- Please notify the Range Specialists, David Morris or Barry Dopp before livestock are turned on the Forest. Their respective phone numbers are 208-879-4130 or 208-879-4161

VII. Forest Service Responsibilities

- Livestock 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.

VIII. Special Considerations for the 2008 Grazing Season

- Because of increasing public use and scrutiny concerning conflicts between recreating public and livestock. Livestock that stray into camps along the Middle Fork will need to be back from the river corridor to avoid these conflicts. I realize this is a problem and an inconvenience. However, it is still the permittee's responsibility to keep their animals in the proper area. Livestock in wrong areas should be removed and returned immediately to the correct area. 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.
- The Bernard Forest Service compound pasture is extremely important to the Forest Service for feed while they are working in the area. It is not part of the Middle Fork Allotment. Make every effort to keep your animals off the compound. This also holds true for the airstrip. The Forest Service airstrip located at Bernard is a public airstrip. It needs to be available to the public at all times.

I have enclosed a Year End Grazing Report for you to record Actual Use data for the 2008 grazing season. You need to record the date and number of livestock turned on to the allotment, the dates the livestock are moved to and from each pasture on the rotation, and the number of livestock removed from the allotment. Accurate records of these dates should be kept. In addition, please record labor and cost associated with maintaining the improvements on your allotment. These records will be requested the end of the 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 or Barry Dopp at numbers listed under billing information. 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,

THOMAS A. MONTOYA
District Ranger