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Dear Bob:

This letter references the meeting you had in the field with Aaron Zobell and Jeff Schramm on April 12th concerning your grazing on the Henry's Fork Bottom Allotment. This letter is provided to serve as your 2007 Operating Instructions for the Henry's Fork Allotment and will become a part of your term grazing permit as provided for in Part 2, Number 8 (a) of your term grazing permit. Your operating instructions are as follow:

HENRY'S FORK BOTTOM C&H ALLOTMENT

<u>Numbers*</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Dates</u>
8 horses	A (irrigated bench)	May 4 or 5 – July 31
8 horses	B	August 1 – September 30

- Total use not to exceed 42 animal months

The date you move from Pasture A into Pasture B should be coordinated with Aaron. Forage utilization in Pasture B should not exceed 50%. Once this level of utilization is reached, it will be time for your horses to come home. Please keep track of all dates, numbers, and any other facts pertinent to your permit and/or allotment and let Aaron know as they occur. At a minimum, this information should be reported on the attached Grazing Use Record form and returned to this office at the end of your grazing season.

The productivity of Pasture A depends upon you continuing to fertilize and irrigate this pasture. Your use of ammonium nitrate at approximately 90 lbs. per acre is approved again this year.

Fence maintenance must be completed prior to your horses entering the allotment. All materials and labor needed for maintenance are permittee responsibilities. Additionally, the following range projects will be occurring on the Henry's Fork Bottom allotment this year:

- ❖ Henry's Fork Bench water development (located in Pasture A). Aaron has contacted the Forest Service's Archeologist. When Aaron has received approval from the archeologist he will contact you and set a date to begin construction of portions of the water development that may occur on Forest Service administered lands. Please make sure you do not begin work on portions of this water development that are on Forest Service administered lands until this has occurred. Also, you need to prepare and submit a spring development construction plan that needs to be approved by the Forest Service before you begin construction.



- ❖ West Henry's Fork Bound Fence Extension (#019402): Several hundred feet of fence will be constructed by our range crew to extend this fence along the property line between you and the Forest Service. This fence will tie into your boundary fence as discussed with you in the field and continue off the edge of the rim eventually tying into the boundary fence located just west of the Henry's Fork.
- ❖ Removal of fencing around haystack and rehabilitation of this area. Your hay needs to be completely removed by the beginning of this summer so that our range crew can remove the enclosure that you have historically kept your hay. As you requested we will place the treated wood posts on your property and remove the remaining material.
- ❖ Removal of culvert adjacent to Haystack. Please coordinate with Aaron when you intend to remove this culvert.

As was stated in your letter dated March 28, 2007, I expect that the construction of Avocet Pond will occur shortly. We have received some funding from a partner for this effort and expect to receive the remainder of funding later this spring. Given this it is our intent to begin construction of the pond sometime this fall. A decision to construct this pond was made in the Henry's Fork Waterfowl/Wetland Enhancement Project Decision Notice and FONSI dated January 17, 1996. This decision also notes that "the grazing permit for the Henry's Fork Bottom area would be reissued with some modifications. Grazing on the upper bench and north of the access road lead to private land would continue current seasons and rates." It also stated that "...in the bottom land west of Highway 530 and south of the road leading to private land, grazing would occur as needed to stimulate vegetation and maintain the most desirable nesting cover possible. This portion of the original allotment would be removed from the allotment when the permit is reissued."

Finally, we sent out a letter in December to all permittees discussing the drought situation. Since December the Flaming Gorge Ranger District has continued to receive needed precipitation and if the current trend continues into the rest of the spring and summer I do not plan on having to reduce permittee permitted animal months. However, should the weather pattern change and we receive little to no precipitation between now and your on date, I expect that we will need to adjust your permitted animal months to better reflect forage that is available for consumption by your livestock and to protect rangeland resources. You should have a contingency plan ready in case this occurs.

Thank you for your efforts in managing the Henry's Fork Bottom Allotment. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aaron at (435) 781 -5279.

Sincerely,

JEFF E. SCHRAMM
District Ranger

Enclosure:
Grazing Use Record Form

