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Dear Dale,

This letter references the annual meeting held with you, Carol Gardiner, and Aaron Zobell on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2007, concerning your grazing permit on the Lewis-Allen Allotment. This letter will serve as your 2007 Operating Instructions and will become part of your term grazing permit as provided for in Part 2, Number 8(a) of your term permit. Your operating instructions are as follows:

**Lewis-Allen Allotment**

<b><u>Numbers</u></b>	<b><u>Unit</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Anderson-42	*Alabama Flat Unit/Leased Property	May 15 – May 31
Gardner-43	North Unit	June 1 – July 30
	South Unit	July 31 – Sept. 30

\*Anderson only with an additional 40 cattle for a total of 82. Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June, 42 cattle only.

Dale, you plan to unload your livestock at the State (UDWR) property and then drive your livestock to the Trail Creek/Alabama Flat unit where 40 head of your Trail Creek on-and-off provision cows and 42 head of your standard permit cows will stay until 31<sup>st</sup> May. Successful implementation of this on-and-off provision will require construction or reconstruction of fences in Trail Creek to prevent drift of cattle off of Alabama Flat to the North unit. It is important for you to keep you livestock within the Trail Creek/Alabama Flats unit until the 31<sup>st</sup> May. June 1<sup>st</sup> you will move your cattle (42 total) into the North unit.

Carol plans to unload her livestock in the vicinity of Camper World on June 1<sup>st</sup> using portable facilities and then move them into the old Bear Canyon Unit (currently part of the North unit) which is immediately adjacent to the Flaming Gorge Lodge area. Her livestock will graze this area until June 16<sup>th</sup> at which point she will move her livestock into the rest of the North unit.

On July 31<sup>st</sup> your livestock will move to the South unit. Cattle should be removed from the allotment when either 50% utilization is reached in the South Unit or not later than the 30th of September. The gathering of livestock in preparation for the trip home should occur near the Swett Ranch while actual loading of livestock will occur just east of the Swett Ranch.

Please remember that maintenance of all your improvements must be done before cattle enter the allotment and maintenance needs to be completed to the standard listed in your permit. You are



responsible to provide all materials and labor needed to complete this maintenance. You are also responsible for the reconstruction of approximately 300 feet of the Lower Skull-Skull Creek Unit Fence (Improvement # 001525). The Forest Service will provide the materials needed for this reconstruction. Reconstruction of this fence needs to occur before May 15<sup>th</sup> (your on date for the Alabama Flat unit/Leased Property). Please remember you are also solely responsible for maintenance of any Trail Creek fences as part of your on-and-off grazing provision. Salt should not be placed closer than 1,000 feet from water or 300 feet from adjacent roads or trails.

Dale as you know, keeping cattle off of Highway 44 is still a major concern on this allotment. As a result we have implemented two strategies besides herding to reduce vehicle accidents with cattle. First, we have agreed to keep cattle in the North unit until after the July 24<sup>th</sup> weekend. This reduces the likelihood cattle will be found on or in the vicinity of Highway 44 before the July 24<sup>th</sup> weekend. Successful implementation of this strategy may require extra riding and herding on your part. Please let Aaron know if you feel utilization standards will be exceeded as we approach the off date for the North unit. Second we have requested, and you and Carol have agreed to post four signs with flagging and flashers that warn oncoming motorists of the possibility of cattle on or in the vicinity of Highway 44 during the time cattle are in the South unit. Please put one sign next to the Utah State Highway 44 before entering the allotment when traveling southbound and a second sign next to US Highway 191 traveling northbound just after turning onto this highway from Utah State Highway 44. The other two signs should be placed next to US Highway 191 with one sign located at the north end of the allotment and the second located at the south end of the allotment. Maintenance of these signs, flagging, and flashers are your and Carol's responsibility. All four signs should be up and working 1 week before cattle enter the South unit.

Dale you and Carol asked about the following items that I have considered and addressed below

- Increase Highway 44 safety with a fulltime rider with increased cattle numbers to offset the cost of a rider: While I appreciate your thoughts and ideas on how to make Highway 44 safer, I must decline your proposal to hire a rider with the stipulation of allowing extra cattle on your allotment. Experience on the Lonesome Park Allotment and other allotments has showed that while a rider may help in reducing vehicular accidents with cattle, a rider is not 100% effective at eliminating vehicular accidents with cattle. This is especially true at night. I believe that the strategies we have currently implemented including keeping your cattle in the North unit until after the July 24<sup>th</sup> weekend, installing four signs with flashers before grazing the South unit, and permittee herding are fairly effective tools in helping to keep cattle off of Highway 44 and warning motorists of cattle in the area.
- Cattleguard maintenance on HWY 44 adjacent to Red Canyon Road: Aaron Zobell and Ross have contacted Jim Archibold an employee of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). They have informed him that this cattleguard needs to be maintained. I expect that maintenance will occur sometime this summer.
- Road maintenance on Forest Road #10376: We appreciate Richie Anderson's offer to provide road fill needed for this road. At your convenience please contact Frank Reed at 435-790-5998. Frank is a member of the Forest Service road crew and he will work with you to maintain this road.

- Holding pond: Aaron is looking into the feasibility of establishing a trough adjacent to the settling pond as requested by Carol. He will inform you and Carol when he learns more about the feasibility of this project and as funds become available.
- Reconstruction/construction of Alabama Flat Stock Pond: Aaron Zobell has contacted our Wildlife Biologist and Archeologist. When he has received their input he will let you know if and when reconstruction/construction of this pond may begin and provide you with guidelines and standards the reconstructed/constructed pond must meet.
- Please close the gate signs: Signs are available upon your request. If you are interested please contact Aaron.
- End of season range ride: You and Carol both stated that you would like to conduct a range ride at the end of the grazing season. Please contact Aaron at the end of the season to conduct this ride.

We also need your help to control noxious weeds. By removing musk thistle seed heads before they flower and then cutting down the plant at its base, the spread of this plant can be controlled. We are especially concerned about Dyer's Woad and any other "new" weeds. Please let Aaron know of any new noxious weed infestations so we can keep them from becoming established.

Please keep track of the dates, numbers and any other facts that may be pertinent to your grazing on the allotment this year and let Aaron know as they occur. I have attached a Grazing Use Record form for you to document your grazing record and return to Aaron at the end of the grazing season. Any changes to this schedule must be coordinated in advance with him.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aaron Zobell at (435) 781-5279. Thanks for your help in managing the Lewis Allen Allotment. We are looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jeff E. Schramm*  
JEFF E. SCHRAMM  
District Ranger

Enclosure (1)  
Grazing Use Record Form