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Dear Allen,

This letter references the annual meeting held April 27, 2007 in Manila with you, Jon Wilde, Glen Tinker, and Aaron Zobell concerning the grazing on the Sheep Creek Park Allotment. This letter will serve as your 2007 operating instructions and will become part of your permit as provided for in Part 2, Number 8(a) of your term grazing permit. Your 2007 operating instructions are as follow:

Sheep Creek Park Allotment

<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>
12	Conner Basin	June 15 – June 30
13 (25 total)	Sheep Creek Park*	July 1 – July 21
	Sheep Creek Park**	July 22 – August 20
	Browne/Beaver	August 21 – Sept. 20

*North of FR014/Mann Creek Crossing, **South of FR014/Mann Creek Crossing

The above schedule differs from the allotment management plan for the Sheep Creek Park Allotment. The plan called for the Sheep Creek Park Unit to be grazed by you, Jon Wilde, Albert Wilde, and Glen Tinker from July 1-July 31, with 300 pair and Half Moon Park to be grazed by you, Jon Wilde, Albert Wilde, and Glen Tinker from July 22-August 20, with 300 pair. However, per the Sheep Creek Wildland Fire Use Fire Post-Fire Monitoring and Rehabilitation Recommendations, I have modified your grazing schedule to limit livestock grazing within areas burned in the Sheep Creek Park Fire. The Sheep Creek Park Fire burned a small portion of the Sheep Creek Park Unit but a much larger portion of the east half of the Browne/Beaver Unit (please see the enclosed map). Additionally, the burn cleaned up dead and down timber and a large portion of the Sheep Creek Park Unit fence (#001502). Since the burn, much if not all of the Sheep Creek Park Unit fence has been reconstructed. However, because of the lack of dead and down timber on the west side of this fence, cattle are now coming around the end of this fence and crossing over into the east side of the Browne/Beaver Unit before the on date for this unit. Thus we have a two-fold problem: 1) keeping cattle out of the burn including the east half of the Browne/Beaver Unit, and 2) keeping cattle within the Sheep Creek Park Unit and out of the Browne/Beaver Unit until the 21st of August. This two-fold dilemma resulted in the changes noted above to your, Albert's, Jon's, and John Tinker Family Living Trust's grazing schedule.

Jon's, Albert's, and 12 head of your cattle will be trailed into the Conner Basin portion of this unit from the Carter Military Trail and then east into Conner Basin as usual. Again, as usual these cattle will graze in this area until proper utilization is reached or until June 30th at which point in time they will trail up Sols Canyon into the Sheep Creek Park Unit. Please make sure your cattle do not drift up Sols Canyon while grazing Conner Basin and that you trail as quickly as possible through Sols Canyon as the Sols Canyon portion of the Conner Basin/Sols Canyon unit is being rested this grazing season. Upon entering the Sheep Creek Park Unit you,



Albert, and Jon will be joined by the balance of your, Albert's, and Jon's permitted cattle (150 pair total) and begin grazing starting north of Long Park Reservoir. The John Tinker Family Living Trust will begin grazing the Half Moon Unit with 150 pair at this same time (July 1st). I expect you, Albert, and Jon to keep your cattle north of the FR014/Mann Creek Junction until either July 21st or until 50% utilization is reached within this portion of the Sheep Creek Park Unit. Please make sure cattle do not drift into Sols Canyon and that they remain north of the FR014/Mann Creek Junction during this time period. On July 22nd or when 50% utilization is reached north of the FR014/Mann Creek crossing you, Jon, and Albert will begin grazing south of the FR014/Mann Creek crossing placing an emphasis on keeping your cattle out of the Browne/Beaver Unit and areas that were burned during the Sheep Creek Park Fire. On August 12th your, Albert's, and Jon's cattle will be joined by 150 pair of the John Tinker Family Living Trust cattle. Grazing will then occur until August 20th or until 50% utilization is reached within the Sheep Creek Park Unit. On August 20th or when 50% utilization is reached within the Sheep Creek Park Unit you and the other permittees will move your cattle into the east half of the Browne/Beaver Unit. Please try to keep your cattle out of the burned areas of the west half of the Browne/Beaver Unit while grazing this unit. When 50% utilization is reached within the Browne/Beaver unit or on September 20th your, Jon's, and Albert's cattle will be trailed home by way of the Carter Dugway. John Tinker Family Living Trust cattle will be gathered in Sheep Creek Park within the Sheep Creek Park corrals and trucked home.

This grazing plan will limit the amount of time your and other permittees' cattle spend within the Sheep Creek Park burn this grazing season. However, it does not solve the problem we now have of cattle drifting around the Sheep Creek Park Unit fence (#001502) and grazing the Browne/Beaver Unit before the appropriate time in either this grazing season or in future grazing seasons. You and the other permittees need to work with Aaron this grazing season in developing a plan that will prevent the drift of cattle from the Sheep Creek Park Unit into the Browne/Beaver Unit and from the Browne/Beaver Unit into the Sheep Creek Park Unit in future grazing seasons. This plan may require an extension of the Sheep Creek Park Unit fence (#001502). If an extension is necessary you need to make plans this summer where this extension should go and plan on constructing this fence as soon as possible.

Please keep track of the dates, numbers, and any other facts that may be pertinent to your grazing on the allotment this year and document them on the enclosed Grazing Use Record form. Return it to Aaron at the end of the grazing season. Also, any changes to the grazing schedule must be coordinated in advance with Aaron.

Cattle use within the Conner Basin Unit should not exceed 40 percent. Cattle use within Half Moon Park, Sheep Creek Park and Browne/Beaver Units should not exceed 50 percent. Once the prescribed utilization level is reached in any unit, your cattle should be moved into the next unit. Once 50% utilization is reached in the Browne/Beaver Unit, it will be time to come home.

You informed Aaron that you and the other permittees would not have a rider this year for the Sheep Creek Park Allotment. As a result I expect you and the other permittees will fulfill the tasks this rider has performed in the past, including but not limited to keeping cattle in their appropriate units and out of areas that were burned during the Sheep Creek Park Fire, maintaining proper distribution, keeping gates closed, and moving cattle from unit to unit as needed. It is especially important that cattle be kept in the unit they are supposed to be in and that an even distribution of your cattle be maintained while in a unit since any area reaching proper utilization means it is time to move into the next unit or to come home.

Range improvements that are your maintenance responsibility should be monitored throughout the season. You are required to complete your maintenance one week before cattle enter the allotment. All labor and materials needed for maintenance are your responsibility. Any ATV use in the administration of your allotment is limited to existing roads. Salt should not be placed closer than ¼ mile from water and not on or adjacent to any roads or trails. Specific maintenance responsibilities (not excluding maintenance responsibilities found in your permit) and other items needing attention of permittees this year in the Sheep Creek Park Allotment include the following:

- Carter Creek fence (#001044): Panels below Long Park Reservoir need to be set up and extended as was done in the 2006 grazing season. Glen Tinker has again agreed to provide the panels and Allen and Albert have agreed to set up the panels. These panels need to be installed before cattle enter the allotment. We are willing to continue this practice if we continue to be successful and you and the other permittees are willing. However, we will require an extension of this fence in the future if we find that the panels are not successful in keeping cattle from coming up Sols Canyon prior to when they are scheduled.
- Half Moon Park water development (#0011010A): This water development is the responsibility of the John Tinker Family Living Trust. Before their cattle enter the allotment this year, this water development needs to be maintained to the standards listed in their permit. The John Tinker Family Living Trust should fill out the enclosed Travel Variance Form and return it to me for my signature before accessing this development. Also when accessing this development the John Tinker Family Living Trust needs to limit the number of vehicles that will be on Half Moon Park and the amount of driving that will be done on Half Moon Park.
- Salting: Please become familiar with the salting standards listed in your permit. I expect all permittees to follow these standards. A violation of this standard will result in a letter of non-compliance and if done again, will result in permit action.

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. Please let Aaron know of any new noxious weed infestations so we can keep them from becoming established. We are especially concerned about Dyer's woad and any other "new" weeds.

Thanks for your efforts to manage this allotment. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aaron Zobell at (435) 781-5279.

Sincerely,

JEFF E. SCHRAMM
District Ranger

Enclosure (2)
Sheep Creek Park Allotment Map
Grazing Use Record