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Dear Dry Fork Allotment Permittee:

This letter will serve as our Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Dry Fork Allotment during the 2007 grazing season. The following items will guide our management of the Allotment this year:

### **Distribution and Grazing (D&G) Strategy**

We will follow the enclosed D&G Strategy. The scheduled on-date will be Saturday, June 16. The amount of time spent in each unit will depend upon actual grazing utilization and distribution patterns. The dates proposed and the units scheduled are tentative and depend upon the availability of forage, water and the effects of weather. However, we will follow the proposed schedule unless there is good reason to change. Please let us know in advance if you anticipate any change from this strategy.

### **Pemit Foreman**

A contact person will be required for each permit. This person will be in contact with the Forest Officer weekly. We still recommend that a rider be designated to obtain the best distribution and to monitor livestock trespass into neighboring allotments or rest pastures. The contact person can be the rider.

### **Proper Allowable Use**

Proper allowable use of riparian areas will be limited to a residual stubble height of **no less than 6 inches** left on all stream-side areas at the end of the grazing season. As a steward of the land you are responsible to see that the 6 inches are not exceeded. Once utilization levels have been achieved in key areas, you will be required to move into the next scheduled unit. Therefore, it is important that your livestock be distributed as evenly as possible.

### **Grazing Fees**

Your Bill for Collection for the upcoming grazing season has been sent. Please ensure that this bill is paid by the due date. In addition you will be required to reimburse the cost of ear tags. You will not be allowed to place livestock onto National Forest lands until verification of payment is received in our office.

### **Association Responsibilities**



At the request of the permittees we no longer recognize the Dry Fork permittees as an association. Each permittee will be responsible for their own livestock, riding and structures. The livestock will not be allowed on the National Forest without a Forest Service ear tag in place (Term Grazing Permit Part 2, sec. 8f). The tags are color coded to represent the permittee and will aid in identifying ownership of livestock.

### **Pasture Moves**

During the moves between pastures every Permittee will be present and arrive at the location and at the time designated by the Forest Officer. If a Permittee cannot attend the move, representatives for that permittee must be chosen and informed the time and place to attend. Please be on time!!

### **Range Improvement Maintenance and Construction**

All Improvements will be operational and ready for **inspection by June 8<sup>th</sup>**. The maintenance of each structure will be assigned to a specific permittee. We will be inspecting these fences and developments before livestock go on. **If these repairs are not done**, your permit will be found in noncompliance, and **you will not be allowed onto the Allotment** (Permit Part 2 sec. 8h, sec. 8i and Part 3 Maintenance Standards).

The Cowboy camp located near the Forest Boundary and Warden Spring will be cleaned up before any livestock enter the allotment. **“CAMPSITES WILL BE KEPT CLEAN AT ALL TIMES.** Solid waste (cans, bottles, baler twine, wire, salt sacks, and other debris) will be removed from the Forest and disposed of at approved landfills. **BURYING SOLID WASTE IS NOT PERMITTED.** Gray water can be spread evenly on the ground in the vicinity of the campsite, making sure it is 200 feet from live water. Use a kitchen colander at the end of the drain hose to catch any food particles. Then haul this waste off with the other solid waste. **ALL SEWAGE MUST BE TAKEN TO A TRAILER DUMP STATION.**” (Camp permit agreement 36 CFR 261.58a)

### **Weed Free Hay**

Any hay or straw used in association with your grazing permit will be certified and tagged as noxious weed seed free as directed by Forest Service Order #04-00-097. Please ensure that any hay, straw, or mulch used on the Forest complies with this order.

### **Records**

The Actual Use and Permittee Expense forms are for your use in recording the actual livestock use, losses, and operating expenses during the upcoming grazing season. Please ensure that the information recorded on these forms is correct and returned to our office **no later than September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

We look forward to working with you again this year, and appreciate your willingness to cooperate with us in the proper management of the Ashley National Forest. We hope that the

upcoming grazing season proves to be a very productive one for you. If you have questions, please contact Earl Kerns at (435) **781-5175** or (435) **790-7035**, or Heather Garrison at (435) **781-5168** or (435) **790-7030**.

Sincerely,

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