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Dear Lena Peak Allotment Permittee,

This letter will serve as our Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Lena Peak Allotment during the 2007 grazing season. Please let us know who will be grazing on the Lena Peak Allotment this 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 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 and water, and the effects of weather. We will follow the proposed schedule unless there is good reason to change. Please let us know in advance if you anticipate any variance from this strategy.

### **Riding and Herding**

Permittees will be required to provide a Rider to monitor and manage the movement of livestock. The Rider will monitor fences, gates and watering facilities in the unit that is in current use. The Rider will monitor key areas and herd cattle away from the key areas and toward areas of lighter use. Please make sure that the Rider understands the importance of moving cattle away from riparian areas, because utilization levels achieved in these areas will determine how long you are allowed to stay in each unit.

The off date for a Unit is the date when livestock are to be fully out of a unit, or in the case of the last unit, fully off the allotment. Livestock remaining on the forest after the authorized season will be billed at the unauthorized use rate, and may be cause for suspension and/or cancellation action to be taken against the permittee.

### **Proper Allowable Use**

Proper allowable use of riparian areas will be limited to an average residual stubble height of no less than 4-6 inches left on all streamside areas at the end of the grazing season. As a steward of the land, you are responsible to see that the 4-6 inches are not exceeded. Proper allowable use will not exceed 60 percent, by weight, of current years growth on key forage species within key upland sites. Once utilization levels have been achieved in key areas, you will be required to move into the next scheduled unit regardless of date or forage. Therefore, it is important that your livestock be distributed as evenly as possible.



### **Fees**

Your Bill for Collection for the upcoming grazing season has been sent to the Association Secretary-Treasurer. Please ensure that this bill is paid by the due date. You will not be allowed to place livestock onto National Forest lands until verification of payment is received in our office.

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

All Allotment boundary fences will be operational by June 24<sup>th</sup>. The division fences, water developments and other improvements of the first unit used will be repaired before livestock are allowed onto the Allotment. All water developments, unit fences, and other improvements will be in good working order before the cattle are permitted to enter the next scheduled unit in the rotation. We will be inspecting these fences and developments before livestock go on and before they move into each unit. If these repairs are not done, you will not be allowed onto the Allotment, or you may be required to come off the Allotment early.

### **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 enclosed 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 is returned to our office no later than October 7.

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 Heather Garrison at (435) 781-5168 or (435) 790-7030; or Dustin Bambrough at (435) 781-5144 or (435) 790-5963.

Sincerely,

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