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Dear Pot Creek Permittee

This letter will serve as our Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Pot Creek On/Off 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 amount of time spent on the Allotment will depend upon actual grazing utilization and distribution patterns. The dates proposed are tentative and depend upon the availability of forage and 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 variance from this strategy.

Proper Allowable Use

Utilization of key forage species is permitted up to 50% of current year's growth except where long-term monitoring demonstrates a different standard is appropriate. Proper allowable use of riparian areas will be limited to an average residual stubble height of no less than 4-6 inches on all stream-bank areas at the end of the grazing season. As a steward of this allotment you are responsible to see that the 4-6 inches are not exceeded. Once utilization levels have been achieved in key areas, you will be required to remove your livestock from Forest Service administered lands. Therefore, it is important that your livestock be distributed as evenly as possible.

Fees

Please ensure that your Bill for Collection is paid by the due date on the bill. You will not be allowed to place livestock onto National Forest lands until verification of payment is received in our office.

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 the forms are returned to our office before September 15.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Analysis

The effects of livestock grazing on rangeland and other resources will be evaluated on the Davenport Draw, Lambson Draw, Jackson Draw, and Pot Creek Allotments this year. You should have received a scoping letter for the proposed action dated December 18, 2006.

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. If you have questions, please contact Dustin Bambrough at (435) 781-5144 or (435) 790-5963.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (1)

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