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Dear Ron:

This letter will serve as our Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Whiterocks Canyon 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 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. 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**

Proper allowable use of riparian areas will be limited to 55 percent utilization on key forage species until July 15. Between July 15 and August 15, grazing use will be limited to 40 percent. After August 15, use on key species in riparian areas will be limited to 35 percent, with a remainder stubble height of **no less than 4-6 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 4-6 inches are not exceeded. Proper allowable use will not exceed 50 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. Therefore, it is important that your livestock be distributed as evenly as possible.

The trespass horses seen in previous years will not be tolerated this year please inform me if you see them.

### **Fees**

Your Bill for Collection for the upcoming grazing season has been sent. 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**

The Chopper Drift Fence needs to be maintained. No other Improvements are scheduled at this time.

## **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 October 15.**

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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District Ranger  
Enclosures

cc:  
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