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Martin Ranch

Dear Vicki Buchanan:

We would like to thank you for meeting with us for your Annual Operations Meeting. The following is your Annual Operating Instructions for the **Horse Heaven C&H/ North Monitor Winter C&H** Allotments, as discussed.

**Authorized Use and Routing**

The year **2008** cost per Head Month is \$1.35. Your Bill for Collection is enclosed. Payment must be received by the due date listed on the Bill for Collection. Upon payment of fees you are authorized to graze as follows:

*Permittee Martin Ranch will need to contact the Austin Office before entry, to inform the range department on which option will be followed during the grazing season.*

**\*\*Option 1**

Allotment	Number	Kind/Class	Season	Head Months
Horse Heaven C&H	84	Cow/Calf	4/16 – 10/14	503
North Monitor Winter C&H	20	Cow/Calf	10/15 – 4/15	120

*or*

**Option 2**

Allotment	Number	Kind/Class	Season	Head Months
Horse Heaven C&H	92	Cow/Calf	5/1 – 10/14	505
North Monitor Winter C&H	20	Cow/Calf	10/15 – 4/15	120

**\*\*If permittee chooses to abide by Option 1, grazing must start in an area away from the boundary to reduce the likelihood of livestock drift back into North Monitor Winter C&H during the critical stage of forage growth (spring). The area nearest to the ranch and boundary will be grazed during fall.**

- **Current monitoring shows that low elevation sites in North Monitor Winter C&H are in poor ecological condition. To offset use in these areas of concern during the current grazing season, Horse Heaven C&H will be extended to help distribute use and preserve forage growth during the critical stage in North Monitor Winter.**
- **Charnac Basin area south of Bald Mountain will be authorized for the same season of use as the Horse Heaven C&H. Taking into consideration fencing conditions on the boundary, drift by livestock will be assumed and incidental use will be authorized for 2008.**
- **In the case that forage utilization standards are met on the Horse Heaven C&H allotment, the permittee will be authorized to lightly graze the East and West Mountain pastures of Kelly Creek/ North Monitor C&H. Current monitoring shows that riparian and upland sites in Kelly Creek/ North Monitor C&H are in a desired ecological condition. This allotment has been vacant for several years however if permittee is in need, this allotment may be authorized for use on a trial basis for the 2008 grazing season.**



- **Documents supporting management modifications will be referenced and filed in permit 30054.**

Actual turn on dates will depend on the attainment of range readiness. For the purpose of livestock accountability, contact the district office 5 to 7 days prior to turnout and when you make unit moves. Please keep us posted about activities and conditions on the allotment.

Permitted livestock found on unauthorized allotments or grazing in the wrong area or at times not specified in this instruction, are excess. You will be charged at the unauthorized use rate.

### **Forage Utilization Standards and Guidelines**

Your Term Grazing Permit includes the specific maximum allowable utilization levels applicable to your allotment. Allowable use is calculated at a point-in-time. Once these use levels have been reached you will be required to move your livestock to another unit or remove them from National Forest System lands regardless of the time remaining in the grazing season or how many Head Months you have paid for. You are responsible for tracking and complying with your permitted forage use levels.

### **Range Improvements**

All the improvements which you are responsible for maintaining are listed in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. Improvements will be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment. If the allotment is in non-use status, the permittee is still responsible for improvement maintenance. Improvements used in common will be maintained before either operator is scheduled to turn on. For clarification, if you are responsible for maintaining an allotment boundary fence and your neighboring permittee is scheduled to turn on before you; the fence must be maintained before your neighbor's turn on date. Copies of the construction standards are available from the district office.

### **Miscellaneous**

Do not place salt within 200 yards of any watering area or meadow unless you receive prior approval. This includes, but is not limited to, springs, seeps, water troughs and creeks. Remove salt from the allotment at the end of the season.

Salt will be removed from areas where maximum allowable use levels have been reached or at the end of the grazing season.

Salt fed in loose form shall be contained in an approval receptacle that will keep it from spilling onto the ground.

To improve livestock distribution and reduce resource damage we encourage you to daily ride this allotment. Riders should be instructed to breakup livestock concentrations and move them away from water to areas with lighter use.

Dead livestock, on Forest Service administered lands, within 300 feet of any water source or designated roads, trails or recreation sites will be promptly removed and properly disposed of.

Enclosed is a grazing use record form for the upcoming season. Please use this form to record the time (dates) livestock spend on the allotment as well as other information such as livestock loss, salting, grazing use, resource concerns, improvement needs etc. The grazing use record should be returned to the district office within 30 days after the grazing season. The permittee will not be eligible for a credit if credit applications and grazing use records are received after December 31.

Permittees shall notify the Forest Service immediately by telephone, and with written confirmation, the discovery of human remains funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony pursuant to regulation Section 10.4(b), of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

### Notice

**This Annual Operating Instruction is made part of your Term Grazing Permit as per Part 2, Item 8(a) of the General Provisions and Requirements. Your compliance with this instruction is essential for the proper management of National Forest System lands. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and this instruction will result in permit action which can include suspension or cancellation of part or all of your Term Grazing Permit. Changes to this instruction can be made based on resource objectives, provided the changes are first approved and documented by the Forest Service.**

We look forward to working with you and solicit your cooperation and involvement in bringing about sound range and livestock management practices that will enhance all of the allotment resources. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will improve the management of the allotment, we would like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Steve Williams  
District Ranger

Enclosures: Actual Use Forms