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Colvin & Son, LLC.

Dear Tom Colvin,

We would like to thank you for meeting with us for your Annual Operations Meeting. The following is your Annual Operating Instructions for the **Wagon Johnnie C&H (Hot Creek Unit)/ Little Fish Lake 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:

The	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	
Even starting in 2008	WJ-Past. 3 * (southwest) Not to exceed 1,098 HMs Not to exceed 800 cow/calf 5/16 – 6/12 Approximately		WJ – Past. 4 * (northwest) Not to exceed 1,012 HMs Not to exceed 800 cow/calf 6/13 – 7/24 Approximately		WJ – Pasture 1 * (northeast) Not to exceed 1,414 HMs Not to exceed 800 cow/calf 7/25 – 9/21 Approximately		WJ – Pasture 2 * (southeast) Not to exceed 1,258 HMs Not to exceed 800 cow/calf 9/22 – 11/15 Approximately	
	Wagon Johnnie (WJ) – Pasture 5 (now referred to as Wagon Johnnie ON/OFF Allotment) 115 HM billed under “On and Off” provisions for intermingled Federal Reserve Lands Average number of 19 cow/calf pairs from 5/16 to 11/15							
	Hot Creek Unit 5/1 – 5/31 42 cow/calf 43 HMs		Little Fish Lake Treatment = Rest Rotation Clear Creek (north) and Clover Creek (south) Units 826 HMs 206 cattle, 6/21 – 10/20				Hot Creek Unit 10/16 – 11/15 45 cow/calf 46 HMs	
Grazing Treatment =	A		B		C			
Phenology =	Flowering		← Seed Ripe		Seed Dissemination		Plants Dry	

HMs = Head Months (AUMs = Animal Unit Months). Cap. = Total Capacity for Pastures 1, 2, 3, & 4 (1984 SAMP, pg. 16).

* Variable numbers of cattle and periods of use within approved flexibility limits ~ 700 to 1,150 cattle move between USFS administered federal lands (BLM and USFS lands in Pastures 1-5) and private lands (Pasture 5), not to exceed: 4,359 HMs (4,300 AUMs) in Wagon Johnnie Pastures 1-4 [USFS = 3,238 HMs (3,194 AUMs); BLM = 1,236 HMs (1,219 AUMs)];

115 HMs (113 AUMs) billed under “On and Off” provisions from 5/16 to 11/15 in Wagon Johnnie Pasture 5;



90 HMs (88 AUMs) in the Hot Creek Unit of the Wagon Johnnie Allotment; and,
838 HMs (826 AUMs) in the Little Fish Lake Allotment in even-numbered years, rested in odd-numbered years.
Treatment A = Graze primarily before seed ripe for livestock production.
Treatment B = Graze primarily after seed ripe for plant maintenance and livestock production.
Treatment C = Graze during and after seed dissemination for plant vigor, maintenance, and reproduction.
Treatment D = Graze field subdivisions any time during the grazing season under a rotation determined by the livestock permittee for livestock production and management flexibility.

- **** The old Wagon Johnnie pasure 5 is now refered to as Wagon Johnnie On/Off allotment. Pasture 5 was a part of the Enhacement Act land transfer from BLM to Forest Service administration. Pasture 5 prior to the Enhacement Act was considered Fenced Federal Range.**
- **Cattle will be authorized to trail through the vacant Monitor South Allotment to the permittees private land in Tulle Creek.**

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