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The following letter will document the meeting between Mike Sceirine, Bob McKay, Rixey Jenkins, and Amy Baumer on November 26, 2007 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2007-2008 grazing season. Permitted use is for 82 cow/calf pairs from November 16 to April 15. Authorized use will be as follows for the 2007-2008 grazing season:

ALLOTMENT	NUMBER	CLASS	SEASON
Huntoon C&H	82	cow/calf	12/26/2007 - 04/15/2008

The planned grazing pattern for the allotment is as follows:
Cattle will enter from the Pickett Flats area and graze down the western side and up the eastern side. Once the cattle reach the southern end of the allotment near Huntoon Spring, they will be put behind the drift fence for a period of time, depending on the amount of forage and utilization levels. Water troughs will be used to move the cattle through the allotment. They will be moved every one to two weeks depending on use levels.

ALLOWABLE USE STANDARDS

The allowable use standards are listed in Part Three of your term grazing permit. The standards are as follows:

Riparian Sites: 45% use of grass species and 20% use of shrub species.

Upland Sites: 40% use of grass species and 30% use of shrub species in aspen, sagebrush, mountain brush, and grassland plant communities.

You are responsible for monitoring use levels and making sure allowable use standards are met. Livestock must be moved to areas of light use or removed from the allotment as allowable use standards are met or at the end of the grazing season, whichever comes first. If you would like assistance in determining utilization levels or would like to review the allotment during the grazing season, please do not hesitate to contact Rixey of my office.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

All existing range improvements on the allotment that are listed in Part Three of your grazing permit must be maintained before livestock enter the National Forest. I have enclosed a form for you to record the maintenance you complete on the allotment.



GENERAL MANAGEMENT

Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from roads, trails, and water. Place salt at least ¼ mile from water and roads and in areas lightly grazed to encourage more even grazing use of the range. All garbage and debris associated with managing cattle on the allotment must be removed from National Forest system lands. If you spot a wildfire, report it immediately to our Interagency Dispatch Center at **(775) 883-5995**.

Invasive weeds are becoming a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance is needed to identify new outbreaks of weed populations and to prevent the establishment of weeds on the Forest. Pay particular attention to areas where stock are concentrated such as loading/unloading areas, water developments, and salting areas. We have implemented a Noxious Weed-Free Hay order on our Forest. This will require any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free of noxious weeds. All livestock entering the National Forest are recommended to be fed **Certified Noxious Weed-Free Forage** for at least 2 days prior to entering the Forest.

Actual use and range improvement maintenance forms have been included with this AOI. Please complete and return these forms by **May 15, 2008**.

Payment of your grazing bill is due five days prior to your earliest turnout date to allow time for processing. As a reminder, the Forest Service is required to give permittees a minimum of **30 days** to pay your grazing fees. The Forest Service is requesting that permittees schedule their AOI meeting **a minimum of 35 days prior** to their earliest turnout date to provide adequate time to plan for the upcoming grazing season.

OTHER DISCUSSION

We discussed the Great Basin South EIS decision regarding the closing of the valley to grazing. The EIS is in the appeals process right now and the decision will not be implemented this grazing season.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding management of this allotment, please don't hesitate to contact Rixey at (760) 932-5850.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cheryl Probert
CHERYL F. PROBERT

District Ranger

Encl: Actual Use and Improvement Maintenance Forms