



File Code: 2210

Date: May 2, 2008

Duane E. Boggio

Dear Duane,

The following letter will document your meeting with Peter Gula and Boyd Hatch, on March 21, 2008 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2008 summer grazing season. The District Ranger must approve any changes to this AOI.

A deferred rotation grazing system will be implemented on the Martin Basin C&H allotment this year. The scheduled dates of use are flexible but a one-week notice must be given before any changes are made in the below dates. The District Ranger must approve any changes in the planned use.

Martin Basin C&H
Permitted Use

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Permitted numbers</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Boggio	C/C	645	6/6 – 9/27
Boggio	Horses	8	6/6 – 9/27

Martin Basin C&H
Authorized Use

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SEASON</u>
Blackridge	323 c/c	6/6 – 6/16
Long Valley	323 c/c	6/17 – 7/1
Bradshaw & Cabin Creek	323 c/c	7/2 – 8/17
Siard	323 c/c	8/17 – 9/1
North Fork	323 c/c	9/2 – 9/15
Cold Springs	323 c/c	9/16 – 9/27
N/A	4 horses	6/6 – 9/27

ALLOWABLE USE:

The district completed the Dixie Harrow project in the fall of 2006. This will be the second year of rest for this area. These areas will be protected using an electric fence. It is important that no livestock enter these areas. Please check these fences regularly to ensure they are working



properly.

You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and for moving your cattle to other areas lightly used or off the allotment when allowable use has been reached. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. If you need assistance determining use levels or locating key areas, please contact Peter or Boyd. All riparian areas on the allotments are considered key areas. It will be critical that you intensively manage cattle this year to encourage even distribution of use.

RIPARIAN SITES:

AREA	PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE
Category 5 Stocks Creek and Long Valley Creek	65% use on riparian grass, rushes/sedges
Category 4 Bradshaw Creek	55% use on riparian grass, rushes/sedges
Category 3 Alkali Creek	55% use on riparian grass, rushes/sedges
Category 2 Siard Creek, Road Creek, N. Fork little Humboldt, Martin Creek, N. Fork Cabin Creek, Cabin Creek, N. Fork Dutch John Creek, Dutch John Creek, and Lye Creek	45% use on riparian grass, rushes/sedges
Category 1 Long Canyon	45% use on riparian grass, rushes/sedges
all riparian shrubs such as Willows and Aspen	35% current years growth

UPLAND SITES:

Use is 65% on upland sites. Key species are: mountain brome, basin wildrye, Sandberg bluegrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, squirreltail, and Idaho fescue. Use is 50% on upland browse species such as serviceberry, bitterbrush, sagebrush, and snowberry.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS:

Range improvements listed in part three of your grazing permit must be maintained before cattle enter the allotments. The maintenance standards listed in part three of your term permit must be followed when maintaining the improvements.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT:

Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water, roads, and trails. Place salt at least ¼ mile from water sources and in areas lightly grazed to encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range. In situations where terrain does not allow proper placement of salt, please contact Peter or Boyd and they will determine a suitable location with your input.

If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the interagency dispatch center in Winnemucca, NV at (775) 623-1555 or 1-800-535-6076. Actual use and range improvement maintenance

forms have been included for you to complete and return at the end of the grazing season. Please return the forms following the 2008 grazing season by October 31, 2008.

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 the Forest. This will require any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free from 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.

As a reminder, approval of requests for permittee convenience nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Approval of a request for permittee convenience non-use must be in writing by the authorized officer. Full or partial permittee convenience nonuse may be approved by the authorized officer for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten year period

Grazing fee remained unchanged from last year. The fee is now \$1.35 per head month.

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 you grazing fees. The Forest Service is requesting that permittees schedule their AOI meeting a minimum of 35 days prior to their earliest on date to provide adequate time to plan for the upcoming grazing season.

If you have any questions or concerns this grazing season, please call Peter or Boyd at (775) 623-5025 x 5.

Sincerely,

JOSE NORIEGA
District Ranger

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