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Date: March 13, 2008

Robert F. Thomas Family Trust

Dear Bob,

The following letter will document your meeting between you and Boyd Hatch, on March 6, 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.

The grazing system on this allotment is rest rotation. This year you are authorized to graze this allotment under a deferred grazing system. 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.

**NORTH FORK C&H  
PERMITTED USE**

Allotment	Class	Number	Season
NORTH FORK C&H	c/c	360	6/16 - 9/5

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AUTHORIZED USE**

UNITS	Class	Number	Season
Holloway Meadows	c/c	360	6/16 - 7/21
Long Canyon	c/c	360	7/22 - 9/5
North Fork	c/c	360	REST

**ALLOWABLE USE:**

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. Riparian areas will need extra monitoring and when utilization is met livestock will need to be moved to the next pasture or off the allotment.



**Riparian sites:**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE</b>
Stock Creek and upland springs and meadows.	<b>65%</b> use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Remainder of Long Canyon and North Fork Little Humboldt River	<b>45%</b> use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Long Canyon at GAWS Stations 570 & 715 (areas fenced off with electric fence)	<b>30%</b> use of grasses, rushes and sedges.
Riparian Browse	<b>35%</b> use current year's growth on all riparian shrubs such as willows.

**Upland sites:**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>PERCENT ALLOWABLE USE</b>
All uplands	<b>65%</b> use of key species mountain brome, bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, squirrltail.
Upland Browse	<b>50%</b> of current years growth snowberry, serviceberry, mahogany, bitterbrush

**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 30, 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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