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Mike or Pat Edwards



Dear Mike or Pat,

The pasture turnout and rotation schedule for your authorized livestock during the 2017 grazing season is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Pasture Name, Number & Kind of Livestock, Season of Use, # of Days. Title: CALISPELL CREEK ALLOTMENT. Rows include Delaney, Bartlett, and Big Swamp pastures with 87 Cow/Calf livestock.

The seasons of use and move dates described above are approximate, and will be dependent on existing conditions on the allotment. Due to resource concerns along Middle Fork Calispell Creek in Delaney Meadows, cattle use will be frequently monitored and you will be required to move cattle out of Delaney Meadows prior to exceeding standards for utilization and stream bank alteration.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

Table with 3 columns: Brand, Location of Brand, Ear Tag Color and Side. Brand: -A, Location: Right rib, Ear Tag: Yellow, blue, orange, green, or purple; either ear.

Compliance with range readiness criteria, pasture use guidelines and utilization levels shall be met. The schedule above is subject to change based on range conditions present. Prior Forest Service approval must be given before any changes and/or modifications are made to this schedule.

Livestock are expected to be moved into the next pasture in the rotation, not allowed to drift on their own. All livestock are to be removed from pastures by the end of the season of use for that pasture. Not removing all livestock from pastures has the potential to impact resource conditions. Therefore, gathering and moving livestock to the next pasture in the rotation will be a priority until all livestock have been accounted for.



Wildlife Conflict

The State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has assigned a conflict management specialist to aid ranchers, farmers, and private citizens in the area with any concerns they might have regarding wolves or other wildlife. Please contact Candace Bennett at her office at 509-684-2362 x 25 or her cell at 509-844-2404 for any questions, concerns, or information about wildlife conflicts either on National Forest System lands or your private property.

Travel Management

The Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Title 36, Chapter II, Parts 212 and 261 – Travel Management, prohibited motor vehicle use outside designated areas and off of designated roads and trails. You, as a grazing permittee, are exempt from the general Travel Management Rule for activities associated with the administration of your term grazing permit. You as a grazing permittee, and agents acting on your behalf, are hereby authorized to use motorized vehicles on routes which are needed to perform allotment and livestock management within and adjacent to your permitted allotments. Such activities include range improvement maintenance, placing salt, checking and moving livestock, etc. Motorized vehicles are not authorized in areas designated as Semi-Primitive, Non-Motorized (MA-11) in the 1988 Colville National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Should resource damage occur as a result of your motorized access, this authorization will be modified to reduce impacts. I have enclosed some cards that explain this administrative use exemption of the Travel Management Rule. These cards must be kept in vehicles or on OHV's at all times to be presented to a Forest officer when needed to demonstrate your authorization to perform permit administration activities.

Other Discussion Topics

Notes for 2017 field season

- Remove loose wire from worm fencing/recreation enclosures in Delaney Meadows to prevent cattle from getting tangled in it
- Monitor the frog pond for unauthorized vehicle use
- Continue to work on extending allotment boundary fence of the lowest cattle guard on Middle Fork Calispell Road to decrease off-allotment drift
- Continue working on meadow retention in the meadows across the allotment
- Try to get old fences rolled up per Calispell Creek EA decision
- Try to get non-functional drift fences repaired to standard per Calispell Creek EA decision

In compliance with the Colville National Forest's monitoring requirements, permit compliance and utilization monitoring will occur on 10% of pastures each year. If you collect monitoring information for your allotment and would like to submit it to the Forest Service, please inform Forest Service range staff. Utilization studies for your pastures of use will be conducted periodically and usually within one week after livestock are removed. If you desire to accompany Forest Service personnel on forage utilization studies, notify Chase Bolyard at (509) 447-7327 prior to livestock removal.