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Steve and Trudi Fountain  
Fountain Ranch Partnership



Dear Steve and Trudi,

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

TIGER HILL ALLOTMENT			
Pasture Name	Number & Kind of Livestock	Season of Use	# of Days
Unit 1	129 Cow/Calf	6/1 – 6/15	14
Tiger Hill	174 Cow/Calf	6/16 – 9/9	85
Unit 2 and Unit 3	174 Cow/Calf	9/10 – 9/30	20

Note: the 174 cow/calf pair represents the 129 cow/calf pair permitted on your term permit, plus the 45 cow/calf pair permitted on your term private permit. Your Term Private Land Grazing Permit has an off-date of 10/15, which means small numbers of cattle may be present until that time.

**LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION**

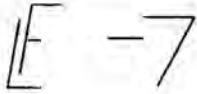
Brand	Location of Brand	Ear Tag Color and Side
	Left hip	Yellow – right ear Small orange – left ear

LECLERC CREEK ALLOTMENT			
Pasture Name	Number & Kind of Livestock	Season of Use	# of Days
Lower Bunchgrass	101 Cow/Calf	6/15 – 7/15	30
Mineral Creek and Upper Bunchgrass	101 Cow/Calf	7/16 – 9/30	76
Dry Canyon	101 Cow/Calf	10/1 – 10/15	15
Hanlon Meadow	Variable	9/15 – 10/15	30



Note: Livestock will be present in the Lower Bunchgrass pasture as they are moved to the holding pen in Hanlon Meadows for gathering at the end of the grazing season. It is expected that cattle will be moved to the holding pen rather than allowed to drift in order to minimize impacts to vegetation and soils. Incidental use as cattle are trailed to the holding pen is expected, however standards for utilization in Lower Bunchgrass must still be complied with. Emphasis will be placed on holding cattle in the Mineral Creek portion of the allotment later in the summer due to continued problems with livestock drift on the eastern side of the Upper Bunchgrass pasture.

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	Left Hip	Yellow, right ear for cows Calves vary

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.

#### **Livestock Management**

Livestock use will occur in accordance with your Forest Service Grazing Permit and specific guidance provided in Environmental Assessments for your allotments.

#### **Salting:**

Salt will not be placed within ¼ mile of any water on the allotment. Should no suitable locations exist to place salt further than ¼ mile from water, salting locations would be reviewed and approved, on a case by case basis, by the Forest Service. No salting is to occur along or at roads, trails, trailheads or recreational sites.

#### **Identification**

Cattle over 6 months of age at the time they enter Forest Service grazing allotments shall have individual ear tags, which have been furnished by the permittee.

#### **Actual Use Record**

Included with these operating instructions is a form for recording actual use. Please use this form or an equivalent method to document your management activities throughout the season—on and off dates, move dates, observations, concerns, ideas etc. Gathering this information will help us create a more complete picture of what is occurring on the allotment and allow us to make better, more informed management decisions. **You are required to submit your actual**

**use record by the end of the calendar year.** Please return your actual use record to Chase Bolyard at 315 N Warren, Newport, WA 99156.

### **Maintenance**

Maintenance of all assigned range improvements must occur annually and maintenance check sheets are to be returned before livestock use is scheduled to occur for each pasture. If extensive repair or reconstruction of a range improvement is required, the Forest Service can supply needed materials and/or assist permittees with reconstruction efforts. **Once you have completed the maintenance on your improvements and filled out the attached forms, please return them to Chase Bolyard at 315 N Warren Ave, Newport, WA 99156.**

### **Noxious Weeds**

Prevention Standard 4 of the *Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants* EIS and Record of Decision state that only pelletized or certified weed free feed is allowed on all National Forest System Lands. Therefore, all feed products used in the administration of your grazing permit must be Certified Noxious Weed Free.

In compliance with the Colville National Forest's monitoring requirements, noxious weed monitoring and education is to occur. If you desire noxious weed identification materials or have questions/concerns related to noxious weeds on grazing allotments please inform Chase Bolyard at (509) 447-7327.

### **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.

### **Air Force Operations**

There will be no Air Force operations within the Tiger Hill Allotment this grazing season. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Chase Bolyard at (509)447-7327 or Rick Hall at (509)447-7303.

### **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.

**Grizzly Bear Recovery Area**

A portion of the LeClerc Creek Allotment is within the Selkirk Mountains grizzly bear recovery area, and vehicle access in the recovery area is highly restricted. In order to effectively administer your grazing allotment, you are allowed limited administrative vehicle use on roads within the recovery area. This use is authorized via a permit issued by the District wildlife biologist and each entry must be documented on the permit. You are also required to return your permit and key at the end of the season to the District wildlife biologist. I appreciate your continuing cooperation with the Forest Service on this matter.

**Other Discussion Topics**

Notes for 2017 Field Season

- Evaluate the need to reduce cattle drift across the West Branch LeClerc Creek and off the allotment in the Diamond City area
- Work to reduce cattle trailing and drift off the allotment northwest of Diamond City in the Caldwell Lake area
- Evaluate the need to extend the drift fencing on the Hank's Butte Road to reduce off-allotment drift

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.

Please review the information contained in this document and address any concerns with Chase Bolyard at the Newport Ranger District office 509 447-7327 prior to turning out onto the allotment.

Sincerely,



CESAR RAMIREZ  
Supervisory Forester

cc: Travis Fletcher