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John and Melva Dawson



Dear Mr. and Ms. Dawson,

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






Aladdin Allotment			
Pasture Name	Number & Kind of Livestock	Season of Use	# of Days
North Fork Mill	33 cow/calf	June 1 – July 31	61
Strauss/Rogers	33 cow/calf	August 1 – October 15	76

Smackout Allotment			
Pasture Name	Number & Kind of Livestock	Season of Use	# of Days
Holding Pasture	156 cow/calf	June 1 – June 14	14
Pasture # 4	156 cow/calf	June 1 – June 14	14
Pasture # 3	156 cow/calf	June 15 – June 30	16
Pasture # 2	156 cow/calf	July 1 – July 15	15
Pasture #1	156 cow/calf	July 16 – August 4	20
Current Creek/Hummingbird	156 cow/calf	August 5 – September 8	35
Paff Meadow	156 cow/calf	August 5 – September 8 To Proper Use	35
Little Smackout	156 cow/calf	September 9 – October 15	37

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

Brand	Location of Brand	Ear Tag Color and Side
	R.H. and L.H.	Red, Orange, Green, White Both Sides



	R.H. and L.H.	Red, Orange, Green, White Both Sides
	L.H. and L.R.	Blue/Black
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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. Nearly all livestock are to be removed from pastures by the end of the season of use for that pasture. Failure to remove 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.

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.

Salting

Salt should 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. Salting is discouraged on open roads and trails, or at trailheads and developed recreational sites.

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, you are required to 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.

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.

Air Force Operations

There will be Air Force Operations occurring on the Smackout Allotment for most of the grazing season. If you have any questions or concerns about these operations, please contact Chase Bolyard at (509)447-7327 or Air Force Liaison Rick Hall at (509)447-7303.

Other Discussion Topics

- Need to get weed free sign to inform public of policy.
- Forest Service is working with BPA to treat powerline corridor which passes through Smackout allotment.
- Need to get camp permit for range rider camping at Smackout Corral.
- Meadow Retention activities will be approved and can start when resources are available
- Develop a long-term range improvement plan to keep vegetative condition moving in an upward trend.
- Changed up pasture rotation in Smackout Meadow System to utilize Reed Canary Grass earlier in the season in Pasture #1 before it becomes unpalatable.
- Look at opportunities to reduce fuel and slash loads with prescribed fire in the Little Smackout area.
- Peterson WD needs repairs.

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,



JOSHUA P. WHITE
District Ranger

cc: Travis Fletcher