File Code:

Date: May 22, 2017

2200

K-DIAMOND-K RANCH INC.

Permittee Number: K DIAMOND K

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

	QUARTZ ALLOT	MENT	
Pasture Name	Number & Kind of Livestock	Season of Use	# of Days
Unit 1 – 13 Mile	50 Cow/Calf	June 1 – July 21	51
Unit 2 – Quartz	50 Cow/Calf	July 22 – August 20	30
Unit 3 - Snow Peak	50 Cow/Calf	August 21- October 31	72

#### Livestock Identification

Brand	Location of Brand	Ear Tag Color and Side	
$\Diamond$	Left Hip	Blue/Left Side Orange/Right Side	

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. Not removing all livestock from pastures has the potential to possibly 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.

### 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. Permittees shall submit a list of ear tag color and numbers of all cattle that will be grazed on Forest Service allotments to Travis Fletcher at the Republic Ranger District, 650 East Delaware Ave., Republic, WA 99166, prior to livestock being turned onto an allotment.

### 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.

**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 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.

**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 Environmental Management System (EMS), 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 Brandon Weinmann at (509) 738-7714.

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 x25 or her cell at 509-844-2404 for any questions, concerns, or information about wildlife conflicts either on National Forest System lands or our private property.

**Travel Management** 

The Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Title 36, Chapter II, Parts 212 and 261 – Travel Management, prohibits motor vehicle use outside designated areas and off of designated roads and trails. You, as a grazing permittee, are exempted from the general Travel Management Rule for activities associated with the administration of your term grazing permit. You are hereby authorized to use motorized vehicles to administer your grazing permit and manage your livestock. 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.

**Actual Use Reporting** 

The Colville National Forest is requiring each livestock permittee to collect actual use information throughout the grazing season on allotments where they graze. This information should be recorded on the enclosed form titled *Actual Use Record*. You are required to submit the completed form to the Three Rivers Ranger District, c/o Brandon Weinmann, 255 West 11<sup>th</sup> St., Kettle Falls, WA 99141 within one month after your grazing season has ended.

#### Other Activities

- Sanpoil Watershed Vegetation analysis is going to start (2016).
- Contact Information for Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer: Kirsten Meyers (Office 509-738-7759 and Cell 509-680-8863).
- Contact Information for Northeast Washington Wolf/Cattle Collaborative: Jay Shepherd (Cell 208-420-7832 and Arron Scotten (Home 509-738-2999 and Cell 509-690-0493)

### **Other Discussion Topics**

- Five Travel Management cards for administrative use (2017).
- Needs to complete required paperwork and turn in after each grazing season (2017).
- Going to meet during the grazing season and review proposed action for Sanpoil Watershed Vegetation treatment (2017).
- Make sure design element is identified for McCann Fence in Sanpoil Watershed Project (2017).

If you collect monitoring information for your allotment and would like to submit it to the Forest Service, please inform Forest Service range staff. Any monitoring information collected by permittees can be submitted to the Forest Service. 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 Brandon Weinmann at (509) 738-7714 prior to livestock removal.

Sincerely,

MICHEAL HERRIN District Ranger

# Range Improvement Maintenance (Quartz Allotment) UNIT 1 – QUARTZ PASTURE

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION		
Birch Spring	T35N R33E NWNW1/4 S.9	#9	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial
David Spring	T35N R33E NESW1/4 S.4	#8A	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial
Hidden Spring	T35N R33E NWNE1/4 S.9	#8	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial
Camel Back Spring	T36N R33E NWNE1/4 S.29	#206	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date Initial	
McMann Fence	T35N R32E NW1/2 NW1/4 S.6	Fig. E	
1/4 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial
Refrigerator/Nine mi. Fence	T35N R33E SW1/4 S. 2	Fig. I	
2.0 Miles	Repaired	Date	Initial
Nine Mile/Bridge Fence	T35N R33E NW1/4 S.11	Fig. J	
2.0 Miles	Repaired	Date	Initial
Refrigerator Canyon Fence	T35N R33E SE1/4 S.35	Fig. K	
1/8 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial

# Range Improvement Maintenance (Quartz Allotment) UNIT 2 – 13 MILE PASTURE

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION		
Refrigerator/Nine mi. Fence	T35N R33E SW1/4 S. 2	Fig. I	
2.0 Miles	Repaired	Date	Initial
Nine Mile/Bridge Fence	T35N R33E NW1/4 S.11	Fig. J	
2.0 Miles	Repaired	Date	Initial
Refrigerator Canyon Fence	T35N R33E SE1/4 S.35	Fig. K	
1/8 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial