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Larsen Family Farms, LLC
C/O Rick Larsen




Dear Mr. Larsen,

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

MIDDLE FORK MILL CREEK ALLOTMENT			
Pasture Name	Number & Kind of Livestock	Season of Use	# of Days
Upper	25 Cow/Calf	June 1 – July 15	45
Lower	25 Cow/Calf	July 16 – August 15	31
Upper	25 Cow/Calf	August 16 – October 15	61

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

Brand	Location of Brand	Ear Tag Color and Side
	L.H.	Red Left 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. 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.

Other Discussion Topics

- Need signs for the gates.
- Would like to establish handling facility for livestock somewhere near the Y (Irish Mountain Road).
- Need cattle guard on the C4954 road to hold cattle on S FK and M FK Mill Creek Allotments.
- Need access by means of key for gate to 154 Road for salting and livestock management.
- Need improved road closure device for the 154 road to discourage OHV use.
- Meadow Retention activities will be approved and can start when resources are available.
- Would like to see more LEO presence on the allotment to help monitor public activities.
- Need to extend the pasture boundary fence between the pastures to the east.
- High levels of traffic have caused problems by pushing cattle down the road and off the allotment.

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.

Sincerely,



JOSHUA P. WHITE
District Ranger

cc: Travis Fletcher