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Smith and Smith Partnership

Dear Mr. and Mr. Smith,

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

NANCY CREEK ALLOTMENT			
Pasture Name	Number & Kind of Livestock	Season of Use	# of Days
State	72 Cow/Calf	July 15 – September 15	63
Bisbee	72 Cow/Calf	September 16 – October 31	46
Forest Service permitted numbers are 64, on/off permit and private land leases add 8 animal units to total 72			

Livestock Identification

Brand	Location of Brand	Ear Tag Color and Side
UP2	Right Hip	Orange, Yellow, White, Blue Both Sides

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.

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.

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.

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 11th St., Kettle Falls, WA 99141 within one month after your grazing season has ended.

Other Activities

- Kettle Face South is going to be implemented over the next 3 years roughly.
 - ✓ Seed mix needs to be changed to provide valuable upland foraging opportunities
 - ✓ State Land Fence needs to be protected
- **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

- Four Travel Management Use cards for administrative use.
- Law enforcement issues with Miller Pond, ATV unauthorized roads and guide service for hunting (2017).
- Need to inspect road systems for invasive species after treatments are completed.
- Go over proposed action for Boyds Grazing Environmental Assessment.
- Finish field inventory of range infrastructure on the allotment.
- Carson Spring needs a new trough to reconstruct the existing water development and improve livestock distribution into uplands away from Nancy Creek.

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,



JOSHUA P. WHITE
District Ranger

cc: Travis Fletcher

Range Improvement Maintenance (Nancy Creek Allotment)
STATE PASTURE

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	
State/Bisbee Fence	T37N R36E S.25, 26 T37N R37E S.30	Fig. 1
2.5 Miles	Repaired	Date Initial
State W.D.	T37N R37E SESE S.25	A.
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can
Inflow	Fence	Date Initial
George W.D.	T37N R36E SWNE S.24	C.
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can
Inflow	Fence	Date Initial
Sand W.D.	T37N R36E NWSW S.24	F.
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can
Inflow	Fence	Date Initial
Rock Knob W.D.	T37N R37E SENE S.30	G.
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can
Inflow	Fence	Date Initial



**Range Improvement Maintenance (Nancy Creek Allotment)
BISBEE PASTURE**

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	
Nancy Creek Fence	T37N R36E S.31 T37N R37E S.30	Fig. 2
0.1 Miles	Repaired	Date Initial
Nancy W.D.	T37N R37E NWN S.31	B.
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can
Inflow	Fence	Date Initial
Northside W.D.	T37N R36E NENW S.35	D.
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can
Inflow	Fence	Date Initial
Carson W.D.	T37N R37E NENW S.31	E.
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can
Inflow	Fence	Date Initial
Bisbee (South End) W.D.	T36N R37E SESW S.9	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can
Inflow	Fence	Date Initial