Newport, WA 99156 509-447-7300

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2230 May 1, 2017 Date:

Jim or Valerie or Clarinda or Ted Van Dyke

Dear James, Valerie, Clarinda and Ted,

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

Z CANYON ALLOTMENT				
Pasture Name	Number & Kind of	Season of Use	# of Days	
	Livestock			
Z Canyon	30 Cow/Calf	5/15 – 9/30	138	

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

Brand	Location of Brand	Ear Tag Color and Side
	Left hip	Orange- 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. 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 allotment.





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 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-including: on and off dates, move dates, observations, concerns, ideas etc. 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 within one month of the end of your grazing season.** Please return your actual use record 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

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 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 at 509-447-7327 prior to turning out onto the allotment.

Sincerely,

CESAR RAMIREZ
District Ranger

cc: Travis Fletcher