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Dear Wayne and Melodie:

This letter will serve as your Annual Operation Instructions for the Spud and Marco Creek C&H Allotments for the 2002 Grazing season and should be considered as an extension of the Spud and Marco Creek Allotments C&H Permit # 30003.

Authorized Use for BLM and Forest Service:

Allotment	Number and Class	Season of Use
Spud Creek and Marco Creek	250 Cow / Calf	05/27 – 06/27

\* Joe Jump and Zeigler Pasture Units will be rested within the Spud and Marco Creek Allotments

The following utilization criteria will be used on the Spud Creek Allotment:

- 1) On National Forest pastures grazed in spring only, utilization of streamside forage will be limited to approximately 65% of the current growth and livestock will be removed by July 1 to allow for sufficient re-growth.
- 2) This utilization level equates to a 2 inch stubble height on riparian species that will signal when proper use has been reached. The goal is to have at least 4 inches of vegetation left at the end of the growing season.
- 3) Browse utilization within riparian habitats will not exceed 50% of the new leader growth.

Dates of rotation are considered approximate. Actual turn on dates will be determined by range readiness. It is in your best interest to keep livestock distributed throughout the pasture. If cattle are allowed to concentrate in riparian areas and water developments without being pushed to unused areas, the grazing capacity of the pasture is diminished to those areas only. Use of riparian areas need to be carefully monitored. Your rider needs to push the cattle out of these areas at least three times a week or more. Cattle will be moved off the allotment when forage use in riparian and upland areas reaches 2" stubble height.



Salt should be used to spread utilization across the pasture being grazed. Place salt at least a ¼ mile from riparian areas. Salt should be picked up and moved when an area has been sufficiently used.

Any carcass or animal remains will be moved at least 100 yards from live water, trails and roads.

Range improvements must be maintained prior to placing livestock on the allotment.

No ground disturbing activities will be conducted on the forest by the permittee or their personnel without prior approval of the Forest Line Officer.

Grazing fees must be paid before livestock can be turned on the Forest.

Range inspections will be made several times during the grazing season to check maintenance of range improvements, forage utilization, and compliance with the grazing permit. We will try to contact you a few days in advance to let you know when we will be inspecting your allotment.

Because of increasing public use gates are often left open and cattle stray in to the wrong pasture. Livestock in the wrong pasture should be removed immediately and returned to the correct pasture. Routine checks need to be made by you and your rider. This is a requirement of your term grazing permit.

If you have any questions concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please call Beth Bratlie at 838-3300. Prior approval by the District Ranger is required to amend or change these instructions.

Sincerely,

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