GRAND VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)

Ward Creek Allotment 2021 Grazing Year

I. Authorized Use:

Actual dates and rotation may vary dependent upon climatic conditions, when utilization levels are reached, and time required to remove cattle.

| Permittee | Permitted Livestock | Authorized Livestock | Authorized Season of Use |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bud & Cindy Hawkins/Nate Hawkins | 200 c/c | 200 c/c | 06/22-10/15 |
| Fuller Family Partnership | 420 c/c | 420 c/c | 06/22-10/15 |
| TOTAL CATTLE #'S | 620 c/c | 620 c/c | |

Term Grazing Permits are required to be stocked to 90% of capacity each grazing season, unless either Personal Convenience or Range Resource Protection Non-Use has been approved. Personal Convenience Non-Use may be taken for 3 years consecutively and not more than 4 years out of any ten-year period.

The above paragraph is our requirement but in our current dry conditions, we appreciate your consideration of turning out later, to allow the plants to green up ahead of the cattle and to give those plants in the open parks time to recover. After 3 years of droughty conditions, the plants are stressed and we need to give them a chance to put energy back into their roots, especially in the Dirty George and lower Battlement/Granby country. We scheduled to ride, to look at range readiness, on June 10th. At that point, we will determine the date you can turn out. As a reminder, no cattle should be turned out or allowed to get onto the Forest before the date that is decided on our ride.

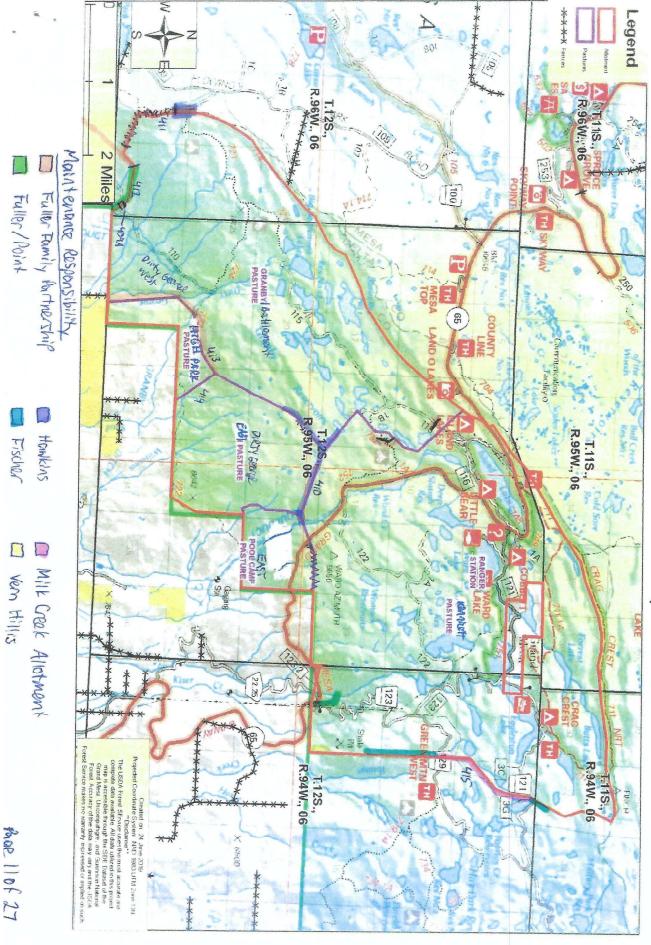
II. Allowable Use Standards/ Salting/ Pasture Rotation:

Allowable Use/Salting

Herding and salting will be used to ensure allowable use is not exceeded. Allowable use should be within the light to moderate range, meaning that plants are about ½ grazed and the vegetation has a patchy, uneven appearance. If allowable use is in danger of being exceeded, the cattle should be removed from that pasture or area until the range recovers.

Salt and supplement will be placed appropriately, on good feed, at least ¼ mile from water, out of livestock concentration areas, and more than 200 feet from roads or developed trails. Salt and supplement locations should be rotated so as not to degrade a particular site. Salt blocks may be removed by the District if found near water, overutilized areas, or roads. Blocks should be placed on hard ground not susceptible to erosion. No more than 1 block should be placed in the same spot.

Ward Creek C&H Allotment Map



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AUTHORIZATION: 0503129

GRAZING PERMIT

EFFECTIVE: 10/01/2018 TO 09/30/2028

ISSUED TO:

HAWKINS, BUD & CINDY 1606 PEACH VALLEY ROAD DELTA, CO 81416 ISSUED BY:

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT UNCOMPAHGRE FO 2465 S TOWNSEND AVE MONTROSE, CO 81401-5400

UNDER 43 CFR PART 4100, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) OFFERS YOU THIS GRAZING PERMIT BASED ON YOUR RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATIONS. UPON YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS GRAZING PERMIT AND PAYMENT OF GRAZING FEES WHEN DUE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE GRAZING USE OF LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BLM THAT ARE COVERED BY THIS GRAZING PERMIT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS GRAZING PERMIT, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BLM OFFICE AT 970-240-5300.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

| ALLOTME | ENT | PASTURE | LIVESTOCK NUMBER KIND | | RIOD | %PL | |
|---------|--------------|---------|--------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|------|
| CO14023 | DIRTY GEORGE | | | BEGIN | END | USE TYPE USE | AUMS |
| CO14023 | DIRTY GEORGE | | 200 CATTLE | 10/15 | 10/20 | 100 ACTIVE | 39 |
| | | | 205 CATTLE | 06/02 | 06/15 | 100 ACTIVE | 94 |

GRAZING WILL BE LIMITED TO 18 DAYS OR LESS IN EACH USE AREA DURING THE GROWING SEASON TO PREVENT GRAZING OF PLANT RE-GROWTH. THIS IS ACHIEVED THROUGH ACTIVE TRAILING OF LIVESTOCK, RIDING, AND HERDING DURING A SIX WEEK WINDOW OF TIME.

GRAZING WILL BE DEFERRED ON NEW VEGETATION TREATMENTS AND REHABILITATED BURNED AREAS TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH BLM COLORADO STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC LAND HEALTH AND GUIDELINES FOR LIVESTOCK GRAZING MANAGEMENT.

PERIODIC AUTHORIZATION OF GRAZING OUTSIDE THE TIME PERIOD (15 DAYS PRE AND POST GRAZING DATES) SPECIFIED IN THE GRAZING PERMIT MAY BE ALLOWED WITH ANNUAL WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER, FOR RANGE READINESS MANAGEMENT AND COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, NOT TO EXCEED AUTHORIZED AUMS.

THE PERMITTEE WILL FOLLOW ALL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE RELATED TO THE BLM UFO DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN.

FALL GRAZING WILL CONSIST OF VERY LIGHT USE AS LIVESTOCK DRIFT TOWARD PRIVATE LAND. AVOIDANCE OF SPRING AND FALL GRAZING IN THE SAME LOCATION WILL BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ACTIVE RIDING AND HERDING PRACTICES AND THROUGH MINIMAL FALL USE.

THE ALLOTMENT WILL BE SWEPT OF ALL STRAY LIVESTOCK WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE OFF DATES.

STRAY LIVESTOCK PRESENT OUTSIDE THE PERMITTED DATES WILL BE REMOVED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BEING REPORTED TO THE PERMITTEE.

THE PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF ALL RANGE IMPROVEMENTS LISTED ON THIS PERMIT, AND ANY FUTURE NEW COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THESE DEVELOPMENTS COULD RESULT IN BLM DENIAL OF SEASONAL TURNOUT.

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