| Allotment Name (Number) | Authorization Name (Number) | Pasture              | Dates     | Notes  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|
| Junction (20009)        |                             | Coyote               | 6/15-7/14 | The state of the s |
|                         |                             | Cabin Cr.            | 7/15-8/13 | 127 hd/30 days max   |
|                         |                             | East & West Junction | REST      | n/a  |
| Crystal Creek (30102)   | Smith's Elk Meadows         | East (Well)          | 6/15-7/14 | 108 hd/30 days max   |
|                         | 2020                        | West                 | 7/15-8/13 | 108 hd/30 days max   |
|                         |                             | Forest               | REST      | n/a  |
| Meadow Creek (20042)    |                             | Riparian             |           | <7 days  |
| USFS 20102              |                             | Coyote Lake          | REST      | n/a  |
|                         |                             | Lower Meadow         | 8-10-8-26 | 7/1-8/14   |
|                         |                             | Antelope             | 8/27-9/2  | 8/15-9/30  |
|                         |                             | Alkali               |           | max 118 AUMs   |

300 CC PAIRS



# U.S. Department of the Interior BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



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#### **GRAZING LEASE**

EFFECTIVE: 03/01/2017 TO 02/28/2027

**ISSUED TO:** 

ATTN SMITH, BRYAN SMITH'S ELK MEADOWS RANCH P.O. BOX 766 RIGBY ID 83442 ISSUED BY:

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT DILLON FIELD OFFICE 1005 SELWAY DRIVE DILLON MT 59725



UNDER 43 CFR PART 4100, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) OFFERS YOU THIS GRAZING LEASE BASED ON YOUR RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATIONS. UPON YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS GRAZING LEASE 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 LEASE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS GRAZING LEASE, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BLM OFFICE AT 406/683-8000.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

| ALLOTME | ENT           | PASTURE | LIVESTOCK<br>NUMBER KIND | PER<br>BEGIN | RIOD<br>END | %PL<br>USE TYPE USE | AUMS |
|---------|---------------|---------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|------|
| MT20042 | MEADOW CREEK  |         | 110 CATTLE               | 07/01        | 11/08       | 49 ACTIVE           | 232  |
| MT20704 | CABIN CREEK   |         | 11 CATTLE                | 06/15        | 11/30       | 100 ACTIVE          | 61   |
| MT30102 | CRYSTAL CREEK |         | 108 CATTLE               | 06/15        | 10/15       | 55 ACTIVE           | 240  |
| MT20009 | JUNCTION      |         | 127 CATTLE               | 06/15        | 11/30       | 95 ACTIVE           |      |
|         |               |         |                          | 30, 10       | 50          | OU / TOTAL          | 670  |

USE ON THE CABIN CREEK, JUNCTION, CRYSTAL CREEK AND MEADOW CREEK ALLOTMENTS WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINAL DECISION FOR THE BIG SHEEP CREEK WATERSHED EA# DOI-BLM-MT-B050-2016-0009-EA

WITH PRIOR APPROVAL, FLEXIBILITY WILL BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE SEASON OF USE ON EACH ALLOTMENT IF ANNUAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND FORAGE PRODUCTION WARRANT. THE SEASON OF USE BEGIN AND END DATES MAY BE ADJUSTED UP TO SEVEN DAYS EARLIER OR LATER THAN SPECIFIED ON THE PERMIT DUE TO YEARLY VARIATIONS IN WEATHER AFFECTING FORAGE PRODUCTION. LIVESTOCK MAY NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM A SPECIFIC PASTURE PRIOR TO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS SPECIFIED IN THE GRAZING SCHEDULE. IF THIS OCCURS, THE TIME ALLOCATED IN SUBSEQUENT PASTURES WILL BE ADJUSTED PROPORTIONALLY. CONVERSELY, IF ANNUAL PRODUCTION IS UNUSUALLY HIGH, LIVESTOCK MAY BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN A GIVEN PASTURE FOR UP TO FIVE ADDITIONAL DAYS AND THE REMAINDER OF THE ROTATION SCHEDULE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE BLM, AND WRITTEN APPROVAL, THE PLANNED PASTURE GRAZING SEQUENCE (E.G. PASTURE RESTED) AND/OR SEASON OF USE MAY BE ADJUSTED ON A SHORT TERM BASIS DUE TO DROUGHT OR OTHER UNFORESEEN NATURAL EVENTS (E.G. FLOODING, WILDFIRE). AUTHORIZED AUMS WILL NOT BE EXCEEDED BY ALLOWING THIS FLEXIBILITY.

WITH PRIOR APPROVAL, MORE LIVESTOCK MAY BE GRAZED FOR A SHORTER PERIOD WITHIN THE AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE. HOWEVER, THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED AUMS, AS SPECIFIED IN THE TERM GRAZING PERMITS CANNOT BE EXCEEDED BY ALLOWING THIS FLEXIBILITY.

ANNUAL UTILIZATION THRESHOLDS ON COOL SEASON BUNCH GRASSES WILL BE 50% (TO MAINTAIN PLANT HEALTH/VIGOR AND LEAVE ADEQUATE RESIDUAL COVER FOR SAGE GROUSE) OR WHEN LIVESTOCK USE ON SEDGES AVERAGES FOUR INCHES ALONG THE GREENLINE (TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE TRAILING ALONG STREAMS) ON NON-FISHERIES OR NON-NATIVE FISHERIES STREAMS AND SIX INCHES ON WCT STREAMS, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. THESE THRESHOLDS WILL BE ADDED TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE

## PERMITTED USE SUMMARY

| ALLOTMENT |               | ACTIVE<br>AUMS | SUSPENDED<br>AUMS | TEMP<br>SUSPENDED<br>AUMS | PERMITTED<br>USE |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| MT30102   | CRYSTAL CREEK | 343            | 0                 | 0                         | 343              |
| MT20042   | MEADOW CREEK  | 191            | 0                 | . 0                       | 191              |
| MT20009   | JUNCTION      | 670            | 0                 | 0                         | 670              |
| MT20704   | CABIN CREEK   | 61             | 0                 | 0                         | 61               |

GRAZING LEASE

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PERMITS AND LEASES

- 1. Grazing permit or lease terms and conditions and the fees charged for grazing use are established in accordance with the provisions of the grazing regulations now or hereafter approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
- 2. They are subject to cancellation, in whole or in part, at any time because of:
  - a. Noncompliance by the permittee/lessee with rules and regulations.
  - b. Loss of control by the permittee/lessee of all or a part of the property upon which it is based.
  - c. A transfer of grazing preference by the permittee/lessee to another party.
  - d. A decrease in the lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the allotment(s) described.
  - e. Repeated willful unauthorized grazing use.
  - f. Loss of qualifications to hold a permit or lease.
- 3. They are subject to the terms and conditions of allotment management plans if such plans have been prepared. Allotment management plans MUST be incorporated in permits or leases when completed.
- 4. Those holding permits or leases MUST own or control and be responsible for the management of livestock authorized to graze.
- 5. The authorized officer may require counting and/or additional or special marking or tagging of the livestock authorized to graze.
- 6. The permittee's/lessee's grazing case file is available for public inspection as required by the Freedom of Information Act.
- 7. Grazing permits or leases are subject to the nondiscrimination clauses set forth in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1964, as amended. A copy of this order may be obtained from the authorized officer.
- 8. Livestock grazing use that is different from that authorized by a permit or lease MUST be applied for prior to the grazing period and MUST be filed with and approved by the authorized officer before grazing use can be made.
- 9. Billing notices are issued which specify fees due. Billing notices, when paid, become a part of the grazing permit or lease. Grazing use cannot be authorized during any period of delinquency in the payment of amounts due, including settlement for unauthorized use.
- 10. The holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (cultural items), stop the activity in the area of the discovery and make a reasonable effort to protect the remains and/or cultural items.
- 11. Grazing fee payments are due on the date specified on the billing notice and MUST be paid in full within 15 days of the due date, except as otherwise provided in the grazing permit or lease. If payment is not made within that time frame, a late fee (the greater of \$25 or 10 percent of the amount owed but not more than \$250) will be assessed.
- 12. Members of Congress may not enter into a grazing permit or lease. 41 USC 6306 (2014). Further, no officer, agent, or employee of the Department of the Interior, other than members of Advisory committees appointed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 1) and Sections 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 1701 et. seq.) shall be admitted to any share or part in a permit or lease for grazing or derive any benefit to arise from a permit or lease for grazing.

#### THIS GRAZING LEASE:

1. CONVEYS NO RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST HELD BY THE UNITED STATES IN ANY LANDS OR RESOURCES

2. IS SUBJECT TO (A) MODIFICATION, SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION AS REQUIRED BY LAND PLANS AND APPLICABLE LAW; (B) ANNUAL REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS APPROPRIATE; AND (C) THE TAYLOR GRAZING ACT, AS AMENDED, THE FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT, AS AMENDED, THE PUBLIC RANGELANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS NOW OR HEREAFTER PROMULGATED THEREUNDER BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

ACCEPTED BY

**OPERATOR SIGNATURE** 

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DATE

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APPROVED BY:

BLW AUTHORIZED OFFICER SIGNATURE

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4/14/2017

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AUMS: Animal Unit Months. Animal unit month means the amount of forage necessary for the sustenance of one cow or its equivalent for a period of 1 month. For fee calculation purposes, an AUM is one month's use and occupancy of the range by one cow, bull, steer, heifer, horse, burro, mule, 5 sheep or 5 goats that: (1) are over the age of 6 months at the time of entering lands administered by the BLM; (2) are weaned regardless of age; (3) will become 12 months of age during the authorized period of use.

%PL Use: Percent forage from public land use.

Type Use: Categories with specific rules that govern AUM and grazing fee calculation and input on grazing authorizations and bills.





