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### **NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION**

Dear Interested Public:

This decision is in response to applications for temporary crossing permits to trail livestock across public lands in the Roostercomb Allotment, dated November 4, 2011 and December 26, 2011. Upon review, and in accordance with 43 CFR 4130.6-3 and Section 123 of the 2012 Appropriations Omnibus Act, the applications for temporary crossing permits are approved.

In response to the application, the BLM prepared DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2012-0027-EA to analyze the environmental consequences of trailing livestock within the Roostercomb Allotment. After reviewing the applications and the EA, I determined that livestock trailing would not result in any significant impacts and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on August 16, 2012. The referenced EA, No. DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2012-0027-EA, and the associated FONSI can be found on the internet at: <https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/projectSummary.do?methodName=renderDefaultProjectSummary&projectId=30804>

My decision is to implement the Proposed Action as described in Environmental Assessment (EA) # DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2012-0027-EA.

**The Crossing Permit for Beyeler Ranches, LLC will appear as follows:**

**MANDATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

Allotment Number	Allotment Name	Pasture	Livestock Number	Livestock Kind	Earliest Crossing	Latest Crossing	% PL	AUMs
06208	Roostercomb	Meadow Creek	230	Cattle	7/18	7/24	100	8

**OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- Crossing will occur along the route outlined in the attached map.
- This permit applies to active trailing use only, no overnight stays are authorized.
- Livestock crossing activity will be limited to established routes to the extent where practical and reasonable for livestock movement.

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- Billing notices are issued which specify fees due. Billing notices, when paid, become part of the crossing permit. Fee payments are due on the date specified on the billing notice and **MUST** be paid in full prior to livestock crossing activities.
- This permit is issued solely for the purpose of moving livestock across public lands for proper and lawful purposes, as needed for the orderly administration of rangelands. This permit confers no priority for renewal, and cannot be transferred or assigned.

**The Crossing Permit for Rick Snyder, et al. will appear as follows:**

**MANDATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

Allotment Number	Allotment Name	Pasture	Livestock Number	Livestock Kind	Earliest Crossing	Latest Crossing	% PL	AUMs
06208	Roostercomb	Meadow Creek	300	Cattle	7/18	7/24	100	10

**OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- Crossing will occur along the route outlined in the attached map.
- This permit applies to active trailing use only, no overnight stays are authorized.
- Livestock crossing activity will be limited to established routes to the extent where practical and reasonable for livestock movement.

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- Billing notices are issued which specify fees due. Billing notices, when paid, become part of the crossing permit. Fee payments are due on the date specified on the billing notice and **MUST** be paid in full prior to livestock crossing activities.
- This permit is issued solely for the purpose of moving livestock across public lands for proper and lawful purposes, as needed for the orderly administration of rangelands. This permit confers no priority for renewal, and cannot be transferred or assigned.

## RATIONALE

My decision to issue these livestock crossing permits is in conformance with the Lemhi Resource Management Plan of 1987, (*Range Management pg. 23; Implementation pg. 52-53*), as amended. Livestock trailing is a component of the orderly use, improvement and development, as well as, an efficient and effective administration of grazing of public rangelands.

Terms and conditions described in the temporary crossing permits are incorporated by reference into this decision and will be implemented to mitigate or avoid possible effects to sensitive resources from this trailing event. My decision is also based on the following considerations:

1. Livestock trailing activities in the area identified poses no major effects on public health and safety.
2. Impacts to natural resources are minimized through the terms and conditions listed on the crossing permit.
3. Livestock trailing activities pose no major effects on unique geographic features of the area, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.
4. Livestock trailing activities have been reviewed and evaluated for potential effects to plant, terrestrial wildlife and fish species, or their habitat, listed or proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The project would have no effect to the Canada lynx or any other terrestrial wildlife or plant species listed or proposed for listing under ESA. No plant species listed under the ESA are known to occur within the trailing route. Additionally, livestock grazing on this allotment has been determined to have “No Effect” on threatened and endangered fish species and designated critical habitat.
5. Migratory birds are unlikely to be affected by the proposed trailing activities because trailing would only last for a few hours in any given location. Any migratory birds that are present when trailing activities occur, could easily avoid the activity. If affected at all, the migratory birds would be temporarily displaced for only an hour or two.
6. The route(s) selected for this trailing event have been planned in such a way as to avoid or minimize the effect on recreation.
7. Trailing will occur outside of wilderness areas; wild or scenic river corridors, floodplains (Executive Order 11988), wetlands (Executive Order 11990) and other ecologically significant or critical areas.

8. Livestock trailing activities would not adversely affect districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Livestock trailing activities would not cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historic resources.
9. All applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal laws will be followed.
10. The BLM is not aware of specific ceremonial use sites or sacred sites associated with ceremonial practices that would be affected by this trailing application.
11. Authorization of the permits will not have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898) because low income or minority populations do not exist in close proximity the trailing route.
12. Precautions will be taken to avoid trailing through areas that would increase the introduction or spread of noxious weeds or invasive plant species known to occur in the area. Trailing is not expected to increase or promote the introduction or spread of the noxious weeds or invasive plant species, in accordance with the Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112.
13. The crossing event will not cause a change in utilization levels in the allotment(s) being crossed due to nature of the trailing routes, the brief time period of trailing events, and the small amount of acreage involved.
14. Trailing will be active, with livestock moving toward their final destination.
15. The livestock being trailed will be the same kind as permitted in the allotments crossed.
16. To minimize impacts, existing trails will be followed.

#### **AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to Section 123 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-74), this BLM final decision is not subject to protest and/or administrative appeal under subpart E of Part 4 of Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations and subpart 4160 of part 4100 of such title.

This decision and permit is issued in accordance with the Acts as stated in 43 CFR 4100.0-3.

This decision and permit is issued in accordance with:

43 CFR 4130.3        Terms and Conditions,  
43 CFR 4130.6-3     Crossing Permits,  
43 CFR 4130.8-1b    Payment of Fees,  
43 CFR 4160.1        Proposed Decisions,  
43 CFR 4160.3        Final Decisions, and  
Lemhi Resource Management Plan of 1987, as amended.

The referenced EA and the associated FONSI are available on the internet as referenced on page 1 of this letter. If you would like a paper copy of the referenced EA and/or associated FONSI, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Craig Nemeth (208) 756-5425, Kyra Povirk (208) 756-5411, or me at (208) 756-5410.

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