#### **RANGE USE PLAN**

#### **GRAZING LICENCE RAN075939**

The District Manager, pursuant to section 37 of the Forest and Range Practices Act, has determined that this range use plan is consistent with the agreement under the Range Act that pertains to the plan, and conforms to the Forest and Range Practices Act, the regulations and the standards.

**RANGE AGREEMENT #: RAN075939** 

This range use plan is associated with the following range agreement(s).

NAME: Garrett Ranches Ltd.

ADDRESS: s.22		FILE	#: 15700-20/Ga	rrett
S.22		STOC	K RANGE: Cl	uculz
TELEPHONE: S.22		RANG	GE UNIT: Sob	Lake 4038
This plan was prepared by <u>La</u>	rry Garrett			
Agreement holder's signature*	fari		Surus	Date June 11, 2010
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*Or authorized signatory if agree	ement holde	r is a co	orporation	
This range use plan takes effect:	<b>2019</b> уууу	<b>01</b> mm	<b>01</b> dd	
This range use plan expires on:	2023 yyyy	12 mm	31 dd	
Approved by:  David Van Dolah District Manager	, RFT	ll	Date:	2019/06/12 yyyy mm dd
District Mariager				

Stuart Nechako Forest District

# Range Use Plan for Livestock Grazing

# Map:

# Grazing schedule:

Pasture	Class and No. of Livestock	Period of use	Range Readiness Criteria*	Average stubble height at end of period*	Max % of browse use	Plant community * and monitoring site	Private land deduction
Bobtail	180 cow/calf 9bulls	June 23- Sept 15	4 leaf stage for reed canary grass and 3 leaf stage for bluejoint. Soils dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming rutted or compacted	15 cm for reed canary grass and an average of 12 cm for bluejoint throughout the range	25%	Cluculz Creek at Blackwater Road crossing	150
Woodlot North	120 cow/calf 6 bulls	June 23- Sept 15	4 leaf stage for reed canary grass and soils dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming rutted or compacted	15 cm for reed canary grass	25%		
Mountain Ranch	90 cow/calf 4 bulls	June 23- Aug 26	4 leaf stage for reed canary grass and soils dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming rutted or compacted	20 cm for sedge	25%	Crown land adjacent to private land	75
Range	20 cow/calf 3 bulls	Sept 15- Sept 30					

<sup>\*</sup>if required by the minister

# Actions to be carried out to address prescribed matters or issues.

(i) Actions to deal with issues identified by the Minister:

Issues	Actions
Portions of Cluculz Creek have been impacted by beaver, flooding and ice shearing. This combined with livestock grazing has put portions of the drainage at risk. The goal is to restore a corridor of willow, through natural recruitment along Cluculz Creek within 10 years and to restore damaged stream and riparian sections to properly functioning condition (PFC) within 10 years.	<ul> <li>Salt at least 400 m from Cluculz Creek</li> <li>Will move cattle away from Cluculz Creek every 2 weeks.</li> <li>Currently, we turnout later, will follow the range readiness criteria.</li> <li>Check stubble heights and browse use, every 2 weeks and will move cattle out of area if use is below the levels in grazing schedule</li> </ul>
Maintain a viable forest industry by minimizing browsing and trampling of conifer seedlings on plantations.	<ul> <li>Will salt 400 m from smaller cutblocks where practicable</li> <li>We will salt on roads within the 300 ha block but will salt away from newly planted areas.</li> <li>Salting sites will be moved regularly to new areas but we have several salting sites we use year after year as older cows remember where they found salt, to encourage better distribution further south.</li> <li>Will move cattle every 2 weeks and check for seedling damage. If cattle are causing more than 10% damage in a 0.25 ha area, we will move them out of the area.</li> <li>Will follow grazing schedule</li> </ul>
Increase in harvesting to address the impacts of mountain pine beetle. Removal of natural range barriers may potentially affect livestock movement.	<ul> <li>At present I am not concerned about removal of natural boundaries.</li> <li>I will continue to have discussions and meetings with licensee that operate in my area and will review logging plans and maps in my area. If I have any concerns I will contact the logging company.</li> </ul>
Woodlot Licences 651, 1205, 1701 and 1208 overlap portions of the range. Minimize trampling damage of seedlings.	<ul> <li>Will review woodlot licence plan and maps and will contact them if I have any concerns or comments.</li> <li>See actions for seedling damage above.</li> </ul>

## (ii) Plant communities (if any):

Plant community	Actions to establish or maintain plant communities
Cluculz Creek: Banks are lined with willow, black twinberry and spirea. Portions of the streambanks have bare exposed soil with sloughing banks.	<ul> <li>Will move cattle every 2 weeks away from Cluculz Creek</li> <li>Salt at least 400 m from riparian areas.</li> <li>Will check stubble heights and browse use and will move cattle out of the area if they graze or browse below levels of use in grazing schedule.</li> </ul>
Wetland Meadows: Sedge and reed canary grass with willow have received heavy use, pedastalling, heavy browse and soil compaction are common.	<ul> <li>Will follow range readiness criteria</li> <li>Will move cattle out of sedge meadows every 2 weeks if they graze below the stubble heights.</li> <li>Will salt at least 400 m from wetlands.</li> </ul>

## (iii) Measures to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plant species:

- Will report invasive plants to Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development
- Will grass seed disturbed soils with certified weed free seed within 1 year
- Will hand pull weeds if practicable

## Range use plan template for livestock grazing Prepared by the Range Agreement Holder

This template outlines the elements of range use plans as required by the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the Range Practices and Planning Regulation.

If a range use plan includes *unfenced grazing land* (unfenced private land grazed in common with Crown range), only the grazing schedule applies to that private land. The District Manager may approve a schedule for any time period provided that stock control is adequate to prevent trespass on Crown range.

The District Manager has provided the following information to the Agreement Holder. It will be retained on file at the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations District office

# GRAZING LICENCE RAN075939 AGREEMENT AREA FOR GARRETT RANCHES LTD.

### Prescribed matters – plant communities, range readiness criteria and utilization levels

These are the required plant communities.

Pasture name/General area	Plant community	Range Readiness Criteria	Ave. stubble ht. at end of period	Maximum % browse use
Cluculz Creek	Banks are lined with willow, black twinberry and spirea. Portions of streambanks have bare exposed soils with sloughing banks.	4 leaf stage for reed canary grass and 3 leaf stage for bluejoint. Soils are dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming compacted and rutted	15 cm for reed canary grass and 12 cm for bluejoint	25%
Wetland Meadow	Sedge and reed canary grass with willow and spruce have received heavy use, pedastalling, heavy browse and soil compaction are common.	4 leaf stage for reed canary grass. Soils dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming rutted and compacted.	20 cm for sedge	25%

# 2. Resource features and issues identified by the minister

- i) Portions of Cluculz Creek and its adjacent riparian area have received heavy use and are at risk. The goal is to restore a corridor of willow, through natural recruitment along Cluculz Creek within 10 years and to restore damaged stream and riparian sections to properly functioning condition (PFC) within 10 years.
- ii) Maintain a viable forest industry by minimizing browsing and trampling of conifer seedlings on plantations, which have not achieved free growing status.
- iii) The Vanderhoof District will have an increase in harvesting to address the impacts of the mountain pine beetle. Removal of natural range barriers may potentially affect livestock movement.
- iv) Woodlot Licences 651, 1205, 1710 and 1208 overlap portions of the range agreement boundaries. Manage for cow-seedling interaction.

# RANGE USE PLAN GRAZING LICENCE RAN076686

The District Manager, pursuant to section 37 of the Forest and Range Practices Act, has determined that this range use plan is consistent with the agreement under the Range Act that pertains to the plan, and conforms to the Forest and Range Practices Act, the regulations and the standards.

**RANGE AGREEMENT #: RAN076686** 

FILE #: 15700-20/Miller

STOCK RANGE: Cluculz

**RANGE UNIT: Sob Lake 4038** 

This range use plan is associated with the following range agreement(s).

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NAME: Neil Fenton Miller

ADDRESS: s.22

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# Range Use Plan for Livestock Grazing

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# Grazing schedule:

Pasture	Class and No. of Livestock	Period of use	Range Readiness Criteria*	Average stubble height at end of period*	Max % of browse use	Plant community * and monitoring site	Private land deduction
Immature Spruce/Pine	30 cow/calf pairs and 2 bulls	June 1 – Oct. 1	2.25 to 2.5 leaf stage on pinegrass	15 cm on pinegrass	25%	A mix of spruce and pine with scattered aspen in the under storey. Bluejoint and pinegrass characterize the grasses, but the groundcover is dominated by moss and bunchberry.	
Mature Aspen			3.0 leaf stage on bluejoint	12 cm on bluejoint	25%	Mature aspen and cottonwood form the stand canopy. The shrub layer is composed of dogwood, rose and black twinberry. Common forbs include peavine, vetch, fireweed and false Solmon's seal. Bluejoint is the common grass.	
Wetlands			Soils are dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming compacted and rutted.	20 cm on sedges	25%	Spruce trees surround the wetlands with a shrub layer of willow and twinberry. There is varying densities of sedge around the wetlands.	
Monitoring Site	: Culvert crossi	ng at fence lin	l e				

<sup>\*</sup>if required by the minister

# Actions to be carried out to address prescribed matters or issues.

## (i) Actions to deal with issues identified by the Minister:

Issues	Actions
Distribution of cattle	<ul> <li>Move salting locations every month</li> <li>Add new trails that will first be laid out with range officer</li> </ul>
Maintain a viable forest industry by minimizing browsing and trampling of conifer seedlings on plantations	<ul> <li>Check plantations once a month will contact range officer if I see seedling damage</li> <li>Keep salt out of plantations</li> </ul>
Removal of natural range barriers	Read referrals and contact range officer if natural range barriers will be disturbed
Fence inspection	Inspect and repair fence before turn-out

#### (ii) Plant communities (if any):

Plant community	Actions to establish or maintain plant communities
Immature Spruce/Pine	Follow grazing schedule Monitor once a month
Mature Aspen	Follow grazing schedule
Wetlands	Keep salt 400 m away from wetlands Follow grazing schedule

#### (iii) Measures to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plant species:

· Look for new weeds and notify range officer if found

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If a range use plan includes *unfenced grazing land* (unfenced private land grazed in common with Crown range), only the grazing schedule applies to that private land. The District Manager may approve a schedule for any time period provided that stock control is adequate to prevent trespass on Crown range.

The District Manager has provided the following information to the Agreement Holder. It will be retained on file at the Ministry of Forests District Office

#### **RAN076686 AGREEMENT AREA**

## Prescribed matters – plant communities, range readiness criteria and utilization levels

These are the required plant communities.

Pasture name/General area	Plant community	Range Readiness Criteria	Ave. stubble ht. at end of period	Maximum % browse use
Immature Spruce/Pine	A mix of spruce and pine with scattered aspen in the under storey. Bluejoint and pinegrass characterize the grasses, but the groundcover is dominated by moss and bunchberry.	to 2.5 leaf stage on pinegrass Soils are dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming compacted and rutted	15 cm on pinegrass	25%
Mature Aspen	Mature aspen and cottonwood form the stand canopy. The shrub layer is composed of dogwood, rose and black twinberry. Common forbs include peavine, vetch, fireweed and false Solmon's seal. Bluejoint is the common grass.	3.0 leaf stage on bluejoint Soils are dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming compacted and rutted	12 cm on bluejoint	25%
Wetlands	Spruce trees surround the wetlands with a shrub layer of willow and twinberry. There is varying densities of sedge around the wetlands.	Soils are dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming compacted and rutted.	20 cm on sedges	25%

# 2. Resource features and issues identified by the minister

- i) Avoid pockets of overgrazing, distribute livestock evenly throughout range
- ii) Minimize browsing and trampling of conifer seedlings on plantations
- iii) Natural range barriers could be removed with timber harvesting
- iv) Prior to turnout ensure fence is repaired



# Range Use Plan STATUS: APPROVED

#### RAN076686

Plan Term January 01, 2022 - December 31, 2026

Confirmed by Agreement Holder(s):
MILLER, NEIL FENTON - April 12, 2022 by agent Neil Miller

Confirmed	by	District	Manager:
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Printed Name	Signature	Date



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## **Basic Information**

**Agreement Information** 

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RAN076686

Agreement Type E01 - Grazing Licence

Agreement Date

January 01, 2017 - December 31, 2041

Range Name

Miller

Alternative Business Name

Not provided

**Contact Information** 

District (Responsible)

DVA

Zone ALL

Contact Name

Mahesh Kc

**Contact Phone** 

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Contact Email

mahesh.kc@gov.bc.ca

**Plan Information** 

Plan Start Date January 01, 2022

Extended

Not provided

Plan End Date

December 31, 2026

**Exemption Status** 

Not Exempt

**Agreement Holders** 

Name

Miller, Neil Fenton

Type Primary



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#### **Pastures**

Pasture: Range

Allowable AUMs Private Land Deduction

Not provided 1%

Pasture Notes (non legal content)

Not provided

Plant Communities: (Range)

Plant community: Other

Plant Community Description

A mix of spruce and pine species with scattered aspen in the understory. Canada reedgrass and pinegrass dominate the grasses, while the majority of the ground cover consists of moss and bunchberry.

Plant Community URL

**Purpose of Actions** 

Maintain

Criteria (Other)

**Range Readiness** 

If more than one readiness criteria is provided, all such criteria must be met before grazing may occur

Readiness Date

June 1

Other

Not provided

Indicator Plant Criteria (Leaf Stage)

Pinegrass 2.5

Stubble Height

Livestock must be removed on the first to occur of the date in the plan (ex. schedule), stubble height criteria or average browse criteria.

Indicator Plant Height After Grazing (cm)

Pinegrass 15

Shrub Use

Unless otherwise indicated above, shrub species may be browsed at 25% of current annual growth.

% of Current Annual Growth

25

Plant community: Other

Plant Community Description

Mature aspen and cottonwood from the stand canopy. The shrub layer is composed of dogwood, rose and black twinberry. Common forbs include Peavine, vetch, fireweed, and false Solomon's seal. Canada reedgrass is the most common grass.

Plant Community URL



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#### **Purpose of Actions**

Maintain

Criteria (Other)

#### **Range Readiness**

If more than one readiness criteria is provided, all such criteria must be met before grazing may occur

**Readiness Date** 

June 1

Other

Not provided

Indicator Plant Criteria (Leaf Stage)

Reedgrass, Canada 3

#### Stubble Height

Livestock must be removed on the first to occur of the date in the plan (ex. schedule), stubble height criteria or average browse criteria.

Indicator Plant Height After Grazing (cm)

Reedgrass, Canada 12

#### Shrub Use

Unless otherwise indicated above, shrub species may be browsed at 25% of current annual growth.

% of Current Annual Growth

25

#### Plant community: Other

#### Plant Community Description

Spruce trees surround the wetlands with a shrub layer of willow and twinberry. Varying densities of sedges occur surrounding the wetlands.

Plant Community URL

Purpose of Actions

Maintain

Plant Community Actions (Other)

Action Details

Salting Salt at least 400m away from wetlands to prevent pugging and com-

paction of sensitive soils as well as protect riparian vegetation.

Criteria (Other)

#### **Range Readiness**

If more than one readiness criteria is provided, all such criteria must be met before grazing may occur

Readiness Date

June 1

Other

Soils are dry enough to withstand livestock use without becoming pugged and compacted.



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Indicator Plant Criteria (Leaf Stage)

Stubble Height

Livestock must be removed on the first to occur of the date in the plan (ex. schedule), stubble height criteria or average browse criteria.

Indicator Plant Height After Grazing (cm)

Sedge, beaked 20

Shrub Use

Unless otherwise indicated above, shrub species may be browsed at 25% of current annual growth.

% of Current Annual Growth

25

## **Schedules**

#### 2022 Schedule

Pasture	Livestock Type	# of Ani- mals	Date in	Date out	Days	Grace Days PLD		Crown AUMs
Range	Cow with Calf	30	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	1.2	120
Range	Bull	2	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	0.1	12

Authorized AUMs: 133 Total AUMs: 132

Schedule description is optional but if included is legal content

Schedule Description

Not provided

#### 2023 Schedule

Pasture	Livestock Type	# of Ani- mals	Date in	Date out	Days	Grace Days PLD		Crown AUMs
Range	Cow with Calf	30	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	1.2	120
Range	Bull	2	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	0.1	12

Authorized AUMs: 133 Total AUMs: 132

Schedule description is optional but if included is legal content

Schedule Description

Not provided

#### 2024 Schedule

Pasture	Livestock Type	# of Ani- mals	Date in	Date out	Days	Grace Days PLD		Crown AUMs
Range	Cow with Calf	30	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	1.2	120
Range	Bull	2	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	0.1	12

Authorized AUMs: 133 Total AUMs: 132

Schedule description is optional but if included is legal content

Schedule Description

Not provided

#### 2025 Schedule

Pasture	Livestock Type	# of Ani- mals	Date in	Date out	Days	Grace Day	s PLD	Crown AUMs
Range	Cow with Calf	30	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	1.2	120
Range	Bull	2	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	0.1	12





Authorized AUMs: 133 Total AUMs: 132

Schedule description is optional but if included is legal content Schedule Description Not provided

#### 2026 Schedule

Pasture	Livestock Type	# of Ani- mals	Date in	Date out	Days	Grace Day	s PLD	Crown AUMs
Range	Cow with Calf	30	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	1.2	120
Range	Bull	2	Jun 01	Oct 01	123	3	0.1	12

Authorized AUMs: 133 Total AUMs: 132

Schedule description is optional but if included is legal content Schedule Description Not provided





# Minister's Issues and Actions

No minister issues provided

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## **Invasive Plants**

I commit to carry out the following measures to prevent the introduction or spread of invasive plants that are likely the result of my range practices:

Equipment and vehicles will not be parked on invasive plant infestations

Clothing and vehicle/equipment undercarriages will be regularly inspected for plant parts or propagules if working in an area known to contain invasive plants

Revegetate disturbed areas that have exposed mineral soil within one year of disturbance by seeding using Common #1 Forage Mixture or better. The certificate of seed analysis will be requested and seed that contains weed seeds of listed invasive plants and/or invasive plants that are high priority to the area will be rejected. Seeding will occur around range developments and areas of cattle congregation where bare soil is exposed. Revegetated areas will be monitored and revegetated as necessary until exposed soil is eliminated.





# **Additional Requirements**

Other direction or agreements with which this Range Use Plan must be consistent.

Category Details

Notice or Order Ungulate Winter Range U-7-020 overlaps with this range agreement.

Restrictions on livestock attractants and new range developments oc-

cur in this area.

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