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Date: June 3, 2010

Josie Aragon

Dear Josie,

I am amending your 2010 Dark Canyon Allotment AOI due to lack of water availability currently in North Pasture. I am authorizing cattle to utilize the South Pasture until October 31st 2010. Per the June 27th 2007 Dark Canyon Decision Memo and August 15th 2007 Allotment Management Plan, during years of adequate forage production, the district may authorize extensions if requested, allowing grazing of an additional 185 AUMs for up to two months. Without utilizing the scheduled South and North Pasture rotation, an extension will not be granted for the 2010 Grazing Year.

Per the June 27th 2007 Dark Canyon Decision Memo and August 15th 2007 Allotment Management Plan, the maximum allowable use level set for the Dark Canyon Allotment is 30-40%. If utilization levels within portions of South Pasture approach allowable use, you are required to move livestock out of those areas and into areas with light use. If cattle cannot be effectively managed away from areas within the pasture that have met allowable use or if utilization objectives are met throughout the pasture prior to scheduled rotation, contact District Personnel. Cattle will be moved into the next available pasture within the annual rotation. In the event that forage utilization objectives are met in all available pastures, livestock will be removed from the allotment. Management adjustments will be made to the following years Annual Operating Instructions to avoid recurring situations.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Aaron Baldrige or myself at (575) 533-6231.

Sincerely,

John D. Pierson
District Ranger



