



File Code: 2230

Date: February 5, 2010

Dr. Marinel Poppie

Dear Dr. Poppie:

As we discussed in your telephone call this morning, this letter serves to amend your Annual Operating Instructions as follows:

Since the January rains, there is now plenty of water in the stock tanks in Beaver Pasture. On page 1, item *1, under the pasture rotation schedule, is changed to:

Since the fence between Fox and Beaver is non-functional, cattle may be in either pasture. Initial stocking will be into Beaver Pasture with cattle drifting into Fox Pasture as forage becomes limiting or pushed into Fox Pasture around 3/15/10. Cattle are to be excluded from Vigil Spring in Fox Pasture.

You stated that you need to use Vigil Pasture as a **short term** trap due to the muddy conditions of roads and pastures. In the AOI, Vigil Pasture is scheduled to be rested for the entire year. The AOI is hereby amended to permit short term, less than 2 days at a time, use of Vigil Pasture only for trapping cattle remaining in Frisco Pasture and only through March 15, 2010. Cattle may NOT remain in Vigil Pasture more than 48 hours. If you have additional need to hold stock for checking ear tags, sorting, or until you have enough gathered for a load, you must use your private land.

I agreed that if you notify me of cattle removal either before or on the day of removal, I will consider you to be compliant with the requirement to notify the District prior to removing or adding cattle to the allotment.

You reported that you gathered and sold 13 head of cattle by January 14, 2010. An additional 20 head of weaner calves were sold on February 2, 2010 and 2 cows remain on private land awaiting shipment to the sales. You also stated that cattle were cleared from River, Frisco and Vigil Pastures but that 20 head were spooked back into Frisco Pasture, of which 4 head have been trapped in Vigil Pasture. You also have 6 head of cattle remaining in Park Pasture. I realize that with the wet weather, conditions for moving cattle are difficult and I will consider this in determining your compliance with instructions. Nonetheless, I expect you to continue to make a good faith effort to move cattle as specified in your AOI.



I remind you that you may **not** deviate from the scheduled pasture rotations without my permission. For instance, your recent use of Vigil Pasture as a holding pasture is NOT authorized other than as specified above. If you have any questions or concerns about the schedule or if you want to make changes, I encourage you to contact me as soon as possible.

I am willing to discuss any issues or concerns related to the AOI or to this letter. I can be reached at (505) 539-2481.

Sincerely,

/s/ Pat Morrison
PAT MORRISON
District Ranger