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Hacienda del Espirito Inc.

Dear Sherry,

Enclosed is your Grazing Year 2003 Annual Operating Plan/Instructions. Also enclosed is a copy of our monitoring calendar for the **Cross V** Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in any monitoring that we do on the **Cross V** Allotment. We will call you in advance of our monitoring trips to remind you. If you cannot make it, and you would like to participate, please contact us in advance and we will work with you on re-scheduling the trip.

As always if you have any questions or comments please contact Ted McArthur or myself.

Sincerely,

ROGERS M. STEED
District Ranger

Allotment: Cross V



Permittee: Hacienda del Espirito Inc.

1. **Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2003:

Number and class	Dates Authorized
Non Use	N/A

2. **Range Improvements:**

When exercising non-use for personal or resource needs, it is still your responsibility to maintain your assigned improvements on the Cross V Allotment.

Fences: Please let us know if any fences are beyond reasonable repair and are in need of reconstruction.

Water: Advance planning is needed for authorizing tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled during the summer months. If the pipelines and troughs are beyond reasonable repair, we are willing to work with you to replace them. Please protect natural springs and areas with riparian type vegetation. Drainage bottoms, creeks, springs, and cienegas, where water is available, are most susceptible to livestock concentrations.

3. **The Annual Operating Plan/Instructions** are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act as found in the Biological Assessment and/or on-going grazing consultation for the **Cross V** Allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

This decision is subject to administrative review, pursuant to 36 CFR 251; and any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 251.90 (see enclosed copy of 36 CFR 251 regulations). In accordance with 36 CFR 251.84, if you file an appeal, I am willing to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with my decision. If you file an appeal, you may request an oral presentation in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.97). Additionally, if you file an appeal, you may request a stay of my decision in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.91).

A notice of appeal must be filed with Marcia R. Andre, Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico, 88061-7863, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with Rogers M. Steed, District Ranger, Reserve Ranger District, at P.O. Box 170, Reserve, NM 87830.

Open and positive communications dealing with these or any other concerns is encouraged. Feel free to contact Ted McArthur or myself if you have any questions or problems. We will be happy to discuss allotment management, conditions on your allotments, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, or any other concerns you may have. ***We appreciate your management and the work you have already done in improving these conditions.***

Approved _____ Date _____
ROGERS M. STEED
District Ranger