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Dear Pat:

On April 7, 2015, you emailed Kendell with a proposed rotation and numbers to be run for the 2015 grazing season for the Buck Springs and Brown Creek Allotments. On April 14, you emailed a signed authorization back to Andy. You have proposed to run 45 first year heifers with a calf and 55 open first year heifers with 3 bulls, for a total of 103 head. The numbers and rotation authorized are as follows:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Buck Springs	Whitcom 1 & 2	103 Head	May 15 to May 31
Buck Springs	Buck Springs	103 Head	June 1 to July 4
Buck Springs	Brushy	103 Head	July 5 to August 7
Buck Springs	Elk Springs	103 Head	August 8 to August 31
Brown Creek	Turkey	103 Head	September 1 to September 30
Brown Creek	Marshall/Penrod	103 Head	October 1 to October 31

The desired utilization level for the 2015 grazing season will be 35% on grasses and shrubs in the woodland areas, a 20% average not to exceed 40% in the ponderosa pine and a maximum of 40% use in riparian areas. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season to accommodate to changing conditions. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2015 grazing season.

By this letter, I also authorize you or ranch personnel to cut, use, or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Buck Springs and Brown Creek Allotments. A copy of this letter must be in possession by you or them while engaged in any tree cutting.



Any new projects must be reviewed with the Forest Service and all clearances must be obtained before beginning the new project. I am willing to meet with you to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Kendell or Andy at the Black Mesa office, (928) 535-7300 or at the Lakeside office, (928) 368-2100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward W. Collins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

EDWARD W. COLLINS
Lakeside District Ranger