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Cooke Ranches, Inc.  
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Dear Troy:

On May 15, 2015, Kendell and Andy met with you to discuss the 2015 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Pinyon Allotment. The numbers and rotation authorized are as follows:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Pinyon	West	56 cow/calf	June 1 to August 15
Pinyon	East	56 cow/calf	August 16 to October 31

You proposed to run 6 horses on the allotment in conjunction with the cows, which I have authorized for this year. The desired utilization level for the 2015 grazing season will be 35% on grasses and forbs across the allotment. 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 and ranch personnel to cut, use, or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Pinyon Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession by you or them while engaged in 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 Black Mesa (928) 535-7300 or at Lakeside (928) 368-2100.

Sincerely,

  
Edward W. Collins  
District Ranger

