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Date: February 20, 2015



Dear [REDACTED]:

On February 13, 2015, Kendell and Andy met with you to discuss the 2015 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Show Low and Ellsworth Allotments. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Show Low	Colbath	200 cow/calf	March 1 to March 31
Show Low	Deep	200 cow/calf	April 1 to April 30
Show Low	Long	200 cow/calf	May 1 to May 31
Show Low	Second Knoll	200 cow/calf	June 1 to June 30
Show Low/ Ellsworth	Porter/ East/ West Ellsworth	200 cow/calf	July 1 to August 31
Show Low	Second Knoll	200 cow/calf	September 1 to September 15
Show Low	Long East	200 cow/calf	September 16 to September 30
Show Low	Long	200 cow/calf	October 1 to October 31
Show Low	Deep	200 cow/calf	November 1 to November 30
Show Low	Divide	200 cow/calf	December 1 to December 31
Show Low	Colbath/Robinson/ Creek	200 cow/calf	January 1 to February 28

Utilization for the 2015 grazing season should not exceed an average of 45% in all pastures. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated and approved by the Forest Service. When moving between pastures, livestock need to be completely moved in a reasonable timeframe and should not exceed 7 days of the move date. The Telephone Pasture is scheduled to be rested for this year. If this pasture is needed, the amount of time that it is used will be as minimal as possible. By this letter, I also authorize you to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Show Low and Ellsworth Allotments. A copy of this letter must be in possession with you while engaged in any tree cutting.

The Second Knoll Grassland Restoration Project was discussed with you at the meeting. This treatment is expected to take place this spring into early summer. An adjustment to the rotation may be needed while the mastication treatment is taking place. The First Knoll Pinon-Juniper



Removal project was also discussed with you. At this time, there is no anticipated start date for this project, but it will be similar to the style of treatment that has taken place in the Woolhouse Pasture on the Ortega Allotment. Coordination will take place with you before this project starts. The fence between the Second Knoll and Porter Pastures and the Second Knoll and East Ellsworth Pastures was not completed last year. At the meeting it was decided that we would wait on this project until the First Knoll treatments are completed. This fence still needs to be maintained as a pasture division fence this year. We appreciate your help last year rolling up the old fence on the Twin Knoll Task Order.

Your permit, #07030, for the Show Low and Ellsworth Allotments is expiring on 12/31/2015. In order to re-new the permit, we will need a completed application, current brand certificate, and the deed for the base property, which must be at least 10 acres. All of these documents must be in the same name, or same entity. A blank application is enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, John, or Andy at Black Mesa, (928)535-7300 or at Lakeside, (928) 368-2100. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2015 grazing year. I am willing to meet with you to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward W. Collins".

EDWARD W. COLLINS
District Ranger