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Date: April 15, 2015



Dear [REDACTED]:

On April 14, 2015, Andy and Kendell met with you and [REDACTED] to discuss the 2015 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Sponseller and Ortega Allotments. The two allotments will be run together by one herd with a rest rotation schedule. The pasture rotation and numbers are listed below:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Ortega	West Mormon	396 Head	May 10 to May 23
Ortega	East Mormon	396 Head	May 24 to May 31
Ortega	Ortega	396 Head	June 1 to June 27
Ortega	Bourdon	396 Head	June 28 to July 25
Sponseller	East Sponseller	396 Head	July 26 to August 22
Sponseller	South Sponseller	380 Head	August 23 to September 19
Sponseller	West Sponseller	380 Head	September 20 to October 10
Sponseller	Holding Pastures	380 Head	October 11 to October 24
Ortega	East Mormon	16 Bulls	August 23 to October 31

The Woolhouse Pasture will be rested this year to allow recovery from the treatments. The desired utilization level for the 2015 grazing season will be 35% for all pastures. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. By this letter, I also authorize you or [REDACTED] to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Sponseller and Ortega Allotments. A copy of this letter must be in possession by you or [REDACTED] while engaged in any tree cutting.

Discussed at the meeting was the progress that has taken place on vegetation treatments within the Woolhouse Pasture. The Bourdon Pasture was also discussed as to when treatments may begin in that pasture. A general review of the various vegetation treatment projects that are taking place on the district was reviewed with you. Data collection for the NEPA process on your allotments will be continued this year. You or [REDACTED] will be invited to help with monitoring when this data collection is taking place.

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



Instructions during the grazing season.

Sincerely,

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

EDWARD W. COLLINS
Lakeside District Ranger