

# **EXHIBIT 25**

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Reply to: 2230

Date: March 10, 1994

Rancho Milagro  
% Steve Bragg  
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New River, AZ. 85027

Dear Steve:

Attached is a copy of your 1994 Annual Operating Plan and grazing authorization.

You had quite a visit with Noe and discussed several topics. Two that were not discussed were re-analysis of the Gentry, Bunger, and Phoenix Park units and utilization levels for Goshawk management territories. We are looking at completing an ecosystem management plan for the Baca Analysis Area by the end of the fiscal year in 1995. The plan should provide us long-term management direction for several resources including range and wildlife management. The initial work for this plan will involve gathering background data to determine range condition and trend, watershed condition, stocking capacity, and riparian conditions to name a few. You are welcomed to participate in this process if you so desire.

Utilization levels within Goshawk territories have been included in previous annual operating plans as well as in 1994's. The standards have not changed, but we will strive to monitor the use levels more closely. We will try to plan our monitoring trips well in advance to give you or Larry time to plan for the trips.

Steve Bragg

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We have observed unauthorized horses in the Phoenix Park unit this spring. You will try to capture them, if you can, in hopes to eliminate the few horses that are left this year, which is about eight head.

If you have any questions please contact Noe.

Sincerely,

*Noe Family*  
*you* KATE KLEIN  
District Ranger

Enclosure 2:  
AOP  
Annual Application

cc: Larry Gibson, Ranch Manager

ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN

5/1/94 - 10/31/94

Number and Season, RANCHO MILAGRO (Permittee)

840 Cattle, cow/calf Heber Allot. 5/1-10/31 5040 am's  
77 " NONUSE Heber Allot. 5/1-10/31 462 am's RES.RESTORATION

Allotment stocked at 93% of permitted numbers.

Grazing Schedule, Heber Allotment

Nelson		05/01 - 10/31/94	130 HD.
Phoenix Park		05/01 - 10/31/94	260 HD.
Bigler		05/01 - 10/31/94	190 HD.
Oil Well		05/01 - 10/31/94	130 HD.
Mud Tank		05/01 - 10/31/94	130 HD.
Gentry	(RESTED)	05/01 - 10/31/94	
Bunger	(RESTED)	05/01 - 10/31/94	
Halter Cross	(RESTED)	05/01 - 10/31/94	
Squaw	(RESTED)	05/01 - 10/31/94	
Red Knoll	(RESTED)	05/01 - 10/31/94	
N. Ancient	(RESTED)	05/01 - 10/31/94	
S. Ancient	(RESTED)	05/01 - 10/31/94	

The pasture dates are estimates and are dependent on total forage production and livestock utilization patterns. The allotment will be inspected and utilization monitored to determine proper use.

Improvement Maintenance

The permittee will maintain all assigned improvements as needed to Forest Service standards. High priority maintenance structures are Mud Trick Tank, Bigler Trick Tank, Fences 3301 (Mud Tank-Wildcat Allot. Bdry. Fence) and 3745 (Nelson-Wildcat ABF), and Bitimul Tank. Other stock tank maintenance will be done as needed.

Distribution and Utilization

The desired utilization of forage species is 45%. To achieve this, consider the following management practices to improve livestock distribution: herding; salting at least a 1/4 mile from water, out of drainages and sensitive meadows; maintaining improvements to proper standards; and if necessary, water hauling will be done to existing or temporary troughs to obtain proper cattle distribution. Key areas will be monitored for proper use usually drainages and juniper clearings. Goshawk management territories will also be monitored for proper use. If proper use is achieved before the end of the season or precipitation is insufficient to sustain further grazing use, livestock will be removed from the area.

Goshawk Territories

There are Goshawk foraging areas located in the Phoenix Park, Nelson, and Mud Tank pastures. You should have a copy of the maps indicating the respective boundaries of the territories. Utilization will be monitored in these areas to not exceed 20% average use with no more than 40% in any one area. If utilization has been achieved, livestock will need to be moved to other areas or off the pasture.

Inspections

The Forest Service will conduct periodic inspections to insure proper distribution, utilization, and cattle movements from one pasture to another. The permittee is encouraged to attend these inspections.

Modifications

Any changes to this operating plan require prior Forest Service approval.

  
Kate Klein  
District Ranger