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Dear [Redacted]:

On April 16, 2013 you met with John, Kendell and Andy to discuss the Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Lake Mountain Allotment. The grazing rotation and numbers for this season, as discussed are as follows:

| <u>Pasture</u> | <u>Numbers</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Porter/Quakie | 134 hd c/c | June 1 to June 22 |
| Firebox | 134 hd | June 23 to July 13 |
| Lake Mountain | 134 hd | July 14 to August 31 |
| Wolf Mountain | 134 hd | September 1 to September 22 |
| Doyle | 134 hd | September 23 to October 12 |
| Mineral | 134 hd | October 13 to October 31 |

The Reservation pasture will not be grazed due to the current biomass thinning. Thinning is also planned for the Porter, Quakie, and Firebox pastures after the scheduled leave date. If thinning starts prior to end of the scheduled grazing period, adjustments to the rotation may be needed, such as adding extra time to the Lake Mountain and Wolf Mountain pastures.

The utilization monitoring conducted during the 2012 grazing season was discussed. Utilization monitoring will be done again this season and the desired level is 25% to 35% on key species in the key areas and we would like to monitor with you after the livestock leave a pasture.

There are a number of enclosure fences on the Lake Mountain allotment. Some of these fences have been identified by the Lakeside District for removal. The particular enclosure fences identified for removal were discussed and they will be removed over time.

You also said that you wanted to rebuild some of the old fences on the allotment. As discussed, new construction must be coordinated with John, Andy or Kendell to ensure that any required archaeological clearances have been completed prior to construction.

By this letter, I also authorize you or persons employed by you, to cut or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance or construction of range improvements within the Lake Mountain Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession while engaged in any



tree cutting.

This letter will serve as your 2013 Annual Operating Instructions for the Lake Mountain Allotment.

Sincerely,

/s/ Edward W. Collins
EDWARD W. COLLINS
District Ranger