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Pat Lannan
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Dear Pat:

On April 16, 2013, Kendell Hughes and Andy Habgood spoke with you over the phone to discuss the 2013 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Buck Springs and Brown Creek Allotments. The numbers and rotation authorized are as follows:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Brown Creek	Marshall/Penrod	175 Yearlings	June 1 to June 30
Brown Creek	Turkey	175 Yearlings	July 1 to July 31
Buck Springs	Elk Springs	175 Yearlings	August 1 to August 20
Buck Springs	Brushy	175 Yearlings	August 21 to September 22
Buck Springs	Buck Springs	175 Yearlings	September 23 to October 23
Buck Springs	Whitcom 1 & 2	175 Yearlings	October 24 to October 31

The desired utilization level for the 2013 grazing season will be 35% on grasses and shrubs in the woodland areas, a 20% average not to exceed 40% in the ponderosa pine and a maximum of 40% use in riparian areas. 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 2013 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 Buck Springs and Brown Creek Allotments. 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. Please be aware that these clearances may take a year or more to obtain. 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 (928) 535-7300 or (928) 368-2100.

Sincerely,

EDWARD W. COLLINS
District Ranger



