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Pat Lannan
4 of a Kind Limited Partnership
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Dear Mr. Lannan:

On April 27, 2012, Kendell Hughes, John Kiefer, and Andy Habgood met with you to discuss your 2012 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Buck Springs and Brown Creek Allotments. The numbers and rotation discussed include:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Brown Creek	Marshall	175 Yearlings	June 1 to July 7
Brown Creek	Turkey	175 Yearlings	July 8 to August 15
Buck Springs	Brushy	175 Yearlings	August 16 to September 16
Buck Springs	Buck Springs	175 Yearlings	September 17 to October 17
Buck Springs	Whitcom 1 & 2	175 Yearlings	October 18 to October 31

The Elk Springs Pasture will be rested this year. The desired utilization level for the 2012 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. Key species and key areas were set up last year in all pastures except for Brushy, will which occur this year. Utilization measurements will be recorded again this year in key areas after livestock have left a pasture. 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 2012 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. The Forest Service may contact you in regards to stray livestock that may belong to you within the Lakeside Ranger District. While reviewing your folder, we noticed that your brand certificate is expired. You will need to send in a copy of your most current brand certificate.



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, John, or Andy at (928) 535-7300 or (928) 368-2100.

Sincerely,

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