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Dear [Redacted]:

On April 10, 2012 you met with John Kiefer and Andy Habgood 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> |
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| Firebox | 134 hd c/c | June 1 to June 22 |
| Porter Lake/Quakie | 134 hd | June 23 to July 14 |
| Reservation | 134 hd | July 15 to August 5 |
| Lake Mountain | 134 hd | August 6 to September 17 |
| Doyle | 134 hd | September 18 to October 9 |
| Mineral | 134 hd | October 10 to October 31 |

The Wolf Mountain Pasture will not be grazed due to the biomass thinning “Antelope” task order that will occur within the pasture from May into October. There are additional task orders for thinning planned in future years and the locations of these activities on the allotment were discussed. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season.

The utilization monitoring conducted during the 2011 grazing season was discussed. The map of the key areas, key species and the utilization amounts were reviewed. 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. The fences you plan to rebuild are on the west side of the Doyle Pasture and a segment of the Forest Service boundary fence in the Mineral Pasture. 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 2012 Annual Operating Instructions for the Lake Mountain Allotment. If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, John or Andy at (928) 535 -7300 or 368 -2100.

Sincerely,

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