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Taylor Stake Corp., LDS Church  
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Dear Jay:

On April 8, 2016, Andy, Matt, and Kendell met with you, Gary Kirkman, and Quinn Smith to discuss the 2016 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Johnson Allotment. The numbers agreed upon are as follows:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Johnson	Johnson	25 C/C	July 15 to September 30

The desired utilization level for the 2016 grazing season will be 25-30%. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. By this letter, I also authorize you, or people working for you, to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Johnson Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession by you or them while engaged in any tree cutting related to this activity.

At the meeting, they talked about the Mexican Gray Wolf re-introduction program and how that may affect you in the future. The Fish and Wildlife service has representatives for the wolf program that are available to meet with you if you have any additional questions or concerns

If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, Matt, or Andy at the Lakeside office, (928) 368-2100, or at the Black Mesa office, (928)535-7300. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2016 grazing year. If needed, I am willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions during the grazing season.

Sincerely,

EDWARD W. COLLINS  
Lakeside District Ranger

