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Curt A. Wells
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Dear Curt:

This letter will serve as a supplement to your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Partridge Creek Allotment for the remainder of the 2013-2014 grazing season.

You have expressed a desire to extend your grazing season to June 30 of this year, without an additional bill. In order to accomplish this, you will need to reduce your numbers now so that you can remain on the Partridge Creek allotment with the remainder of your herd until June 30, 2014.

In our meeting in Ashfork on the morning of February 21, 2014, you discussed a range of options with Range Staff Doug Ruppel and myself. You indicated to us at that time that your preference was to remove 100 head from the allotment as of March 15, 2014, which will allow you to remain on the allotment with 180 head until June 30, 2014. The grazing period and the number of head have been amended to reflect this change:

280 Adult cattle from November 30, 2013 – March 14, 2014
180 Adult cattle from March 15, 2014 – June 30, 2014

No additional billing will be required due to this action. The reduction in herd size and the extension of season of use will result in the same number of Head Months and Animal Unit Months that was represented in your bill for the 2013-2014 grazing season.

Cattle will remain scattered among all five pastures until approximately the end of June, and then start to be gathered for movement off of the allotment.

Allowable Use (Utilization) Guidelines

During the remainder of your grazing season, the monitoring of utilization on your allotment will be important. If at any point during the remainder of your grazing season this year, you are in danger of exceeding the established utilization limits for this allotment, you will be required to remove your livestock from the allotment, regardless of this extension to your season. Rangeland Management Specialist Cherie Owens will be working out a schedule of allotment inspections with you to track utilization throughout the remainder of your grazing season.



The Allowable Use Standards for the Partridge Creek Allotment in the key areas (grasslands and savannahs) are 30% during the growing season (March 15 – November 15) and 40% during the dormant season (November 16 – March 14). For this allotment, cattle will be moved to another pasture or off of the allotment when use reaches Conservative Grazing Intensity.

Allowable Use Standards for the allotment are set in the 1995 Allotment Management Plan (AMP). The AMP follows direction described within the 1995 Decision Notice and 1994 Environmental Assessment for the allotment.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact Range Specialist Cherie Owens at (928) 635-5621 or cowens02@fs.fed.us, or contact the District Range Staff Jesarey Barela at (928) 635-5623 or jesareybarela@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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