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Elk Springs Ranch, LLC
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Dear Dan and Gail:

Thank you for meeting with District Range Staff Jesarey Barela on April 4, 2014, to discuss the Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Elk Springs/Dog Knobs Allotments. During your AOI meeting, you requested full resource protection Non-Use on the Elk Springs/Dog Knobs Allotments for grazing year 2014 due to lack of available water and forage.

I approve your request for total non-use for resource protection in grazing year 2014. Note, it is very important that while in non-use status, you continue to maintain your assigned range improvements.

As a reminder, in order to maintain full permitted numbers, you are required to stock up to 90% of the permitted numbers when available water and forage is sufficient. This will be based on monitoring done by the Forest Service and in coordination with the permittee.

Please notify District range personnel, at a minimum of ten days in advance of restocking, in order to amend your AOI for grazing year 2014 and complete your annual authorized use request for billing. Additionally, prior to restocking, you must provide proof of livestock ownership such as receipts or bill of sale (Term Grazing Permit Part 2, item 7a).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Range Staff Jesarey Barela at (928) 635-5623 or jesareybarela@fs.fed.us, or Rangeland Management Specialist Cherie Owens at (928) 635-5621 or cowens02@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Danelle D. Harrison
DANELLE D. HARRISON
Williams District Ranger

cc: Jesarey Barela

