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Ysidoro Mendoza

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Dear Ysidoro,

This letter is in response to the discussion your son, Ruben Mendoza, had with Stan Towner (District Range Staff) and Monte Topmiller (District Range Con) on July 24, 2009 concerning the lack of water in the North pasture. This amendment will do the following two things:

1. Develop the 2009 Pasture Rotation Shown Below:

Pasture	Start date	End date	NUMBER	Allowable Use
Southeast	7/15/09	10/15/09	70 head	30 %
Southeast	10/15/09	2/28/10	103 head	40 %

This amendment will address the water situation by allowing cattle to remain in the Southeast pasture for the duration of the grazing season or until allowable use levels are approached. I would like to remind you that monitoring of the Southeast pasture neared allowable use on three of the four monitoring sites during the 2008 grazing season. This combined with lower than normal precipitation, grazing at a higher intensity and longer duration (more cattle for longer period of time) means you are taking a high risk of exceeding utilization during the 2009 grazing season. It is crucial that you manage your cattle to stay under allowable utilization and contact Stan or Monte prior to exceeding the allowed usage.

2. Allow Resource Protection Non Use

Due to extreme weather conditions we are authorizing Resource Protection Non Use for the remainder of the 2009 grazing season. You are still authorized to run 103 head but this allows you the flexibility of not increasing your herd until the 2010 grazing season. I would remind you that you are expected to stock to within 90% of the permitted number on a consistent basis starting in the 2010 grazing season.

All other terms of the 2009 AOI dated January 7, 2009 still apply.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller at (575) 773-4678.

Sincerely,

Greg Peterson for

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District Ranger

