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Dear Mrs. Thomas:

On May 26, 2011, Kendell Hughes and Andy Habgood met with Howard to discuss your 2011 Annual Operating Instructions for the Cottonwood Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers as discussed include:

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Cedar (Private)	100 hd	June 15 to September 30
FS Shipping	100 hd	October 1 to October 31
12 Mile	100 hd	November 1 to January 31
Ballard	100 hd	February 1 to April 30

The desired utilization level is 25% to 30% on key species in key areas and we would like to monitor utilization with you after the livestock leave a pasture. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. 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 of structural range improvements within the Cottonwood Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession while engaged in any tree cutting.

This letter will serve as your 2011 Annual Operating Instructions for the Cottonwood Allotment. If you have any questions please contact Kendell, John or Andy at (928) 535-7300 or 368 – 2100.

Sincerely,

/s/ Edward W. Collins
EDWARD W. COLLINS
District Ranger



