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Dear Walt:

This document serves as Amendment #1 to the 2013 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Fossil Creek Allotment. This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a). The grazing schedule is the only amendment made to the original AOI, all other sections and instructions remain unchanged.

The table below represents the amended Grazing Schedule (Section I) for the Fossil Creek Allotment for the remainder of the 2013 grazing year.

I. GRAZING SCHEDULE

The Annual number of livestock and the planned dates are considered approximate. The actual dates and numbers may change due to many variables. Annual stocking level (annual authorized livestock numbers and dates) is determined based on current and expected forage production; livestock numbers can/should be adjusted if conditions change (either up or down; but not in excess of the permitted numbers).

It was discussed that there is a need to conduct two AOI meetings each year, this will provide a more accurate number of livestock and use period dates. The grazing schedule addressed in this AOI is from March 1, 2013 to fall when calves are shipped, this will help in determining the dates and numbers of the remaining livestock for the remainder of the grazing year.

PASTURE NAME	PLANNED GRAZE PERIOD	LIVESTOCK NUMBERS
Mud/Divide	7/01 – 7/18	249 cows/calves & 22 bulls
Pine	7/18 – 8/16	249 cows/calves & 22 bulls

13 Mile Ridge	8/07 – 10/01	19 bulls
Tin Can	8/17 – 9/11	249 cows/calves
Barry	10/01 – 10/31	19 bulls
Salmon Lake	9/11 – 9/22	249 cows/calves & 19 bulls
House	9/23 – 10/10	249 cows/calves & 19 bulls
Tanque Aloma	10/10 – 11/3	249 cows/calves & 19 bulls
Shipping	11/04	

Remember, changes from the grazing schedule will be made only with Forest Service approval. It is important that when you change the grazing rotation you need to contact the Range Management Staff before doing so.

The planned use period in a pasture may be shortened or lengthened depending on forage availability and utilization in key areas. Livestock pasture moves will be completed within a five (5) day period, where feasible, and livestock will be actively herded from one pasture to the next. Once a pasture move occurs, cattle are not authorized to graze outside the newly occupied pasture. In the event cattle escape the assigned pasture (i.e. pasture gates left open, cattle guards become filled-in, cut fences, etc.), you will return the cattle to the correct pasture in a timely manner. Preventing livestock from grazing adjacent allotments, rested pastures, or from re-grazing previously used pastures is your responsibility.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact Marc Stavropoulos at (928) 203-7517, or Kathy Sevy at (928) 203 - 7537.

Sincerely,



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