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**Date:** May 11, 2015

Mr. Peter Oddonneto 341 South Hill Street Globe, AZ 85501

United States

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Agriculture

Dear Pete:

A term Grazing permit for Haystack Butte was signed on May 15, 2011, with an associated current Allotment Management Plan (AMP) signed in 1982. Term grazing permits must remain in compliance with Forest Plan, Regulations, and Policy. These updates modify Haystack Butte Term Grazing Permit per concurrence by United States Fish and Wildlife Service on January 15, 2008.

## **Changes Identified in Concurrence**

Following changes are inserted into term grazing permit:

- Page 6, Part 3 · Add:
  - o 14. Livestock will not access River pasture until fencing is either extended or updated direction from United States Fish and Wildlife Service is received.
  - o 15. Limit utilization of key forage species between 30-40%. Woody browse will be limited to 50% annual growth. Measurements are taken at end of year or growing season, by weight. If utilization levels exceed desired percentage over multiple years, change in management practices may be warranted. Use of timing, intensity, frequency, and duration are appropriate adjustments to grazing.
  - o 16. Seasonal utilization will be monitored on key forage species during grazing season. If during grazing year, livestock meet utilization standards, adjustments may occur in following year.
  - o 17. A deferred rest-rotation will be implemented. Each pasture will receive growing season deferment 2 years during a 3-year cycle.

## Other Changes not Identified in Concurrence

- Page 6, Part 3
  - o 18. Creek pasture has been divided into three pastures: Upper, Middle, Lower. When water availability allows, pastures will be grazed separately, otherwise they will be grazed as one unit, rotating through each unit. Pastures on Haystack Butte Allotment are stratified as follows:

Bronson

River

Ash Creek, upper

Upper River





Ash Creek, lower Ash Creek, middle Cottonwood Breeding Bull pastures West Steer East Steer

## **Appeal Rights**

Letter was updated from informal meeting with permittee and an associate, which clarifies original letter dated March 3, 2015 (see attached).

This modification is appealable under 36 CFR 214.4(a)(1). Your appeal of this Term Grazing Permit Modification must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 214.8. The Responsible Official, Tonto National Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth is willing to meet with permittees to discuss concerns related to Term Grazing Permit.

A notice of appeal must be filed with Tonto National Forest Supervisor at 2324 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85006, within 45 days of this letters date (36 CFR 214.9). A copy of notice of appeal should be filed simultaneously with Richard Reitz, District Ranger at 7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Road, Globe, Arizona 85501. Appeal documents may be filed in person, mailed, or faxed to 602-225-5295.

Sincerely,

RICHARD REITZ District Ranger

Enclosure

cc: Chandler Munday