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Sedow Allotment  
Date: July 29, 2004

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Dear (b) (6)

Thank you for stopping by the District office on June 25, 2004, to complete the 2004/2005 annual validation of your term grazing permit. You have indicated that you currently have 15 saddle horses utilizing the Sedow Allotment. John discussed a tentative rotation schedule with Kelly Kessler, Globe Range Conservationist, on July 6, 2004. Initially, the Reveg Pasture was included in the rotation for an extended period of time. However, given the current drought situation and lack of production and vigor of perennial grasses in this pasture, your rotation schedule has been slightly modified. Your livestock numbers and rotation schedule for the remaining 2004/2005 grazing year are as follows:

Livestock Numbers:

15 Saddle Horses

Rotation Schedule:

Reveg Pasture	06/25/2004 – 08/05/2004
Steer Pasture	08/05/2004 – 09/30/2004
Big Horse Pasture	10/01/2004 – 12/31/2004
Little Horse Pasture	01/01/2005 – 02/28/2005

It is important to note that the above are tentative pasture-use dates only and that movement will be based on the amount of precipitation you receive and utilization levels. For instance, the length of time in a particular pasture may be extended if the forage has been under utilized or if utilization standards are met early these dates may be changed, as needed, to comply with the Forest Plan Standards. It is the permittee's responsibility to monitor forage utilization so as not to exceed the standards and guidelines listed below. If your livestock have grazed key areas to utilization standards before the scheduled move date and it is necessary for you to move them to the next pasture early, or if the length of time in a pasture will be extended, please contact Linny Warren or Kelly Kessler, so we can update our records to reflect these changes.



The Tonto National Forest (Forest) is currently undergoing consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service to determine any effects ongoing livestock grazing may have on listed species. The Sedow Allotment is included in this consultation. The relative utilization listed below will continue until the completion of the environmental assessment process and decision has been approved for an Allotment Management Plan (AMP), and incorporated into Part 3 of the Term Grazing Permit and/or until such time further site-specific analysis is completed. In order for the Sedow Allotment to be consistent with the Forest Plan, the following standards and guidelines are part of your AOI:

*(An Amendment to this AOI will be issued if utilization levels change following consultation.)*

Herbaceous (Grass) Utilization - Limited to 30 - 40% of the plant species biomass.

Woody (Browse) Utilization - Limited to less than 30 - 40% of leaders browsed.

Woody and Herbaceous Riparian Utilization - Limited to less than 30 - 40% use.

*(Utilization levels may be modified on a site specific basis depending on range conditions.)*

Riparian - Do not salt within one-quarter mile of riparian areas or water.

Salt and Salt Meal - All salt will be located at least one-quarter mile from water. Salt will not be used in key areas, but will be placed to encourage livestock to graze areas of low use.

Maintenance of Range Improvements - Your maintenance assignments are shown in red on your allotment map. Please review your map to insure these improvements are in satisfactory working condition.

Fires - You and your agents will protect the land covered under the grazing permit. Protection will include taking all reasonable precautions to prevent, make diligent efforts to suppress, and report promptly all fires on, or endangering the lands covered under the grazing permit.

Monitoring will be conducted in key areas on key forage plants that are defined as following:

Key livestock grazing areas are defined as: "A portion of range, which because of its location, grazing or browsing value and/or use, serve as an indicative sample of range conditions, trend, or degree of use seasonally. A key area guides the general management of the entire area of which it is part (Forest Service Region Three Rangeland Analysis and Management Guide, June 1997, Chapter 4-3)." Key areas are at least one-quarter mile away from developed upland stock water. All full capacity riparian areas, where surface water may or may not be present, are key grazing areas where measurements will be conducted.

Key forage plants are defined as: 1) "Forage species of sufficient abundance and palatability to justify its use as an indicator to the degree of use of associated species. 2) Those species, which must, because of their importance, be considered in the management program (Society for Range Management, Glossary of Terms, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1974.)

All or a portion of livestock may be removed from the allotment if drought conditions prevail. Factors that will help to determine if livestock removal is necessary from the effects of a drought include; 1) vigor of perennial forage plants, 2) apparent trend of forage and soils, 3) production of grass, and 4) upland stock water developments. This is different than the utilization prescriptions where cattle may have to be removed from a pasture or allotment.

This AOI is subject to administrative review through the Forest Service, pursuant to 36 CFR 251; and any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 251.90. In accordance with 36 CFR 251.84, if you file an appeal, I am willing to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with my decision. If you file an appeal, you may request an oral presentation in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.97). Further more, if you file an appeal, you may request a stay of my decision in the appeal, or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.91). See enclosed 36 CFR, Subpart C, regulations.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the Tonto Forest Supervisor at 2324 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006, within 45-days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with the District Ranger at 7680 Six Shooter Canyon Road, Globe, AZ 85501.

Sincerely,



LARRY WIDNER  
District Ranger

Enclosure

cc: Buck R McKinney, S.O., w/o enclosure  
Kristen McBride, Mesa Ranger District, w/o enclosure  
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