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Dear Sirs:

We received your letter of April 19, 1993, regarding your concerns about the Rangeland Users Committee (RLUC) established by the Arizona Cattle Growers Association (ACGA). In 1990, the ACGA determined it was desirable to establish RLUC's as a communications link to their Association Public Lands Forest Committee and to improve communications between the Forest Service and the ACGA. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) responds to the direction the Forest Service is given in 36 CFR 222.7(b) and the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 (PRIA) to cooperate with State livestock organizations and permittees.

RLUC's were established by the ACGA and not by the Forest Service. Committee chairpersons call such meetings and invite the Forest Service to attend. This same process of calling a meeting and inviting the Forest Service to attend has been used by most, if not all, of the undersigned organizations of your letter in their biannual meetings that have been held with the Forest Service. Any information which results from such RLUC or the signatory organizations is handled in the same manner as information furnished by other institutions or individuals.

You asked to receive the same information the ACGA receives about allotment planning schedules. During Jim Powers's recent visit to the Regional Office, he was provided each forest's Allotment Management Plan (AMP) schedule. He also received the only minutes recorded at a RLUC meeting and those were handwritten by the RLUC; not the Forest Service. Your group should contact each National Forest on a yearly basis and receive their updated AMP schedule since the Regional Office does not maintain updated schedules.

Your input in the development of allotment management plans is welcome, contact the Forests' and involve yourselves in the Integrated Resource Management process. You have the same privileges that any other group or individuals have in providing input to allotment management planning.





Based on your concerns about the MOU, we have looked at the wording within the MOU and find words and phrases that do not conform with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Based upon this finding, I am cancelling this MOU with the Arizona Cattle Growers Association.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in National Forest management.

Sincerely,



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Regional Forester

Enclosure

