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Bohme/Sleeping Beauty/
Bellevue Allotments
Date: September 13, 2004

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Dear (b) (6)

On August 4, 2004, (b) (6) submitted the following rotation schedule for the Bohme, Sleeping Beauty, and Bellevue Allotments 2004/2005 grazing season.

The following are the Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the remainder of the 2004/2005 grazing season:

Livestock Numbers: You have validated the following numbers for 2004/2005:

104 Adult Cows
7 Bulls

Livestock Management: The following rotation is planned for 2004/2005:

Bellevue Pasture – 03/01/2004 – 04/29/2004
Sleeping Beauty Pasture 1 – 05/01/04 – 07/20/2004
Sleeping Beauty Pasture 2 – 07/21/04 – 08/28/04
Sleeping Beauty Pasture 3 – 08/29/04 – 12/30/04
Bellevue Pasture – 01/01/05 – 02/28/05

It is important to note that the above are tentative pasture use dates only and that movement will be based on utilization levels in order to comply with Forest Plan Standards. For instance, the length of time in a particular pasture may be extended if the forage has been under utilized, or shortened if utilization standards are met early. It is the permittee's responsibility to monitor forage utilization so as not to exceed the Standards and Guidelines listed below. As stated in the August 4, 2004 proposal, the DC Cattle Co. will identify possible key areas in each pasture for utilization monitoring and forward the map and/or GPS location and any other pertinent information to the District office for review and approval. 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 to inform them of this change so that we may update our records.

In order for the Bohme, Sleeping Beauty, and Bellevue Allotments to be consistent with the Forest Plan, the following Standards and Guidelines are part of your AOI:



Utilization Limits on Pinto Creek:

Riparian Herbaceous Vegetation – Limit use to 35% - 45%.

Riparian Woody Vegetation – Limit use to less than 50% of the dominant leaders on species < 6' tall.

Streambank Alteration – Limit alteration to less than 20% from the BHP spill area stretching to the Yo Tambien Spring.

Utilization Limits Outside of Pinto Creek:

Upland and Riparian Herbaceous and Woody Vegetation – Limit use to 35% - 45%.

Salt and Salt Meal - All salt and salt meal 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 lands 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.

The AOI is subject to administrative review through the Forest Service, pursuant to 36 CFR 251; 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.

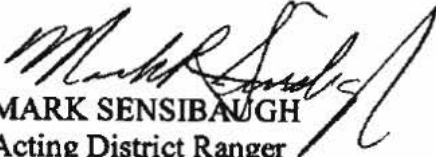
A notice of appeal must be filed with the Tonto Forest Supervisor at 2324 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006, within 45-days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with the District Ranger at 7680 Six Shooter Canyon Road, Globe, AZ 85501.

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We look forward to continuing our working relationship with you and David Cook in the months to come.

Sincerely,


MARK SENSIBAUGH
Acting District Ranger

Enclosure

cc:

Buck McKinny S.O. w/o enc.

Kristen McBride (Monitoring Team Coordinator) w/o enc.

David Cook (Manager)