

File Code: 2230 Date: May 7, 2025

Dear Permittee:

On May 6, 2025, Andy met with you to discuss the 2025 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Black Canyon Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

| <u>Pasture</u> | <u>Head</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Sharp Hollow | 60 cow/calf | June 1 to July 11 |
| Stermer | 60 cow/calf | July 12 to August 8 |
| King Phillip | 60 cow/calf | August 9 to September 5 |
| Porter | 60 cow/calf | September 6 to September 26 |
| Nelson | 60 cow/calf | September 27 to October 31 |

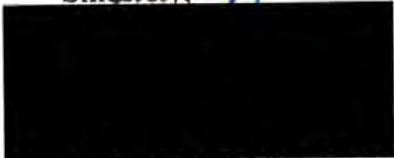
Utilization standards for the 2025 grazing season should not exceed an average of 25% on key species in key areas. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated and approved by the Forest Service. When moving between pastures, livestock need to be completely moved out of the pasture within 3 days of the planned rotation date. You must notify the Forest Service in advance if there is a need to deviate from the planned move date.

By this letter, I also authorize you or people working for you to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Black Canyon Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession with you or them while engaged in any tree cutting.

Any range improvement projects and ground disturbing activities need to be coordinated with the Forest Service to make sure all clearances have been obtained before any work can begin on the ground. This process needs to be started well in advance of the proposed work.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy at the Black Mesa office, (928) 535-7300. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2025 grazing year on the Black Canyon Allotment. In addition, I am always willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions.

Sincerely,



MATTHEW WILLMORE District Ranger

