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File Code: 2230  
Date: April 10, 2013



Dear [Redacted]:

On April 4, 2013, Andy Habgood met with the two of you, joined by [Redacted] to discuss the 2013 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Blue Ridge Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers authorized are listed below:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Blue Ridge	Scotts	100 Head	June 1 to June 7
Blue Ridge	Chimney	100 Head	June 8 to July 6
Blue Ridge	Twin Burn	100 Head	July 7 to August 7
Blue Ridge	North	100 Head	August 8 to September 15
Blue Ridge	South	100 Head	September 16 to October 23
Blue Ridge	Scotts	100 Head	October 24 to October 31

There will be an emphasis to rest the Scotts Pasture as much as possible this year. The desired utilization level for the 2013 grazing season will be 35% for all pastures. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season based on available forage and water. Any adjustments will need to be coordinated with and approved by the Forest Service. By this letter, I also authorize the two of you to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Blue Ridge Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession of you while engaged in any tree cutting.

Please keep in mind that all projects must be discussed with the Forest Service and proper clearances must be obtained before implementation of the project. If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, John, or Andy at 928-535-7300, or 928-368-2105. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2013 grazing year. If needed, I am willing to meet with you to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions during the grazing season.



These Annual Operating Instructions are appealable under 36 CFR 251. If you decide to appeal these instructions, you must file a notice of appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 251.87. You have 45 days from the date of these Annual Operating Instructions to file a notice of appeal with the Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, AZ 85938 and you must send a copy of the appeal to the District Ranger, Lakeside Ranger District, 2022 W. White Mountain Blvd., Lakeside, AZ 85929. It is the responsibility of the appellant to provide the Forest Supervisor sufficient narrative evidence and argument to show why the decision should be reversed or changed in accordance with 36 CFR 251.90.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Edward W. Collins*  
EDWARD W. COLLINS  
District Ranger

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