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Blue Ridge Permittee

Dear Permittees

On May 2nd, 2019 you met with Matt and Andy at Lakeside Ranger District to discuss your 2019 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for Blue Ridge Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers discussed are as follows:

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Scotts	100 hd c/c	June 1 to June 07
Chimneys	100 hd c/c	June 08 to June 30
Twin	40 hd c/c	July 1 to July 31
North	40 hd c/c	August 1 to September 16
South	40 hd c/c	September 17 to October 22
Scotts	40 hd c/c	October 23 to October 31

Adjustments to pasture rotation, season of use and numbers may vary depending on several factors including, but not limited to, precipitation, water availability and forage conditions. If an adjustment to the rotation is needed because of water availability, forage availability and/or management concerns, please contact Matt in advance to arrange an adjustment to the rotation.

The desired utilization level for 2019 grazing season is 35% on key species in the key areas and we would like to monitor utilization with you after the livestock leave a pasture.

In regards to the forest boundary fence, it was discussed that a new fence will be built within 6" of Forest Service lands starting this season for the next few years by the Blue Ridge Allotment Permittees. Forest service will provide the materials and periodically check-in on progress of the fence. Please work with Matt on approved public entry points and any additional request needed.

By this letter, I also authorize you or persons employed by you, to cut or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of range improvements on the Blue Ridge Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession while engaged in any tree cutting on the allotment.

This letter will serve as your 2019 Annual Operating Instructions for the Blue Ridge Allotment. If you have any questions please contact Kendell or Matt at (928) 368-2100 or (928) 535-7300.

Sincerely,



EDWARD COLLINS
District Ranger

