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Date: February 22, 2021

Dear Permittee:

On February 18th, 2021, Allison, Kendell, and Andy met with you to discuss the 2021 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Clay Springs Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Clay Springs	Town	4 cow/calf	March 1 to April 7
Clay Springs	+IL	4 cow/calf	April 8 to April 30
Clay Springs	Summer South	4 cow/calf	May 1 to May 31
Clay Springs	Summer South	6 cow/calf	June 1 to July 15
Clay Springs	Summer North	6 cow/calf	July 16 to October 31
Clay Springs	+IL	4 cow/calf	November 1 to November 30
Clay Springs	Town	4 cow/calf	December 1 to January 14
Clay Springs	Powerline	4 cow/calf	January 15 to February 28

Utilization for the 2021 grazing season should not exceed an average of 30% in all pastures on key herbaceous species and 45% on key browse species. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated and approved by Forest Service TWO weeks prior to the scheduled move date. When moving between pastures, livestock need to be completely moved out of the pasture within 3 days on either side of the planned rotation date.

Current and forecasted drought conditions were discussed. We will be continuing to monitor range conditions throughout the season to determine potential need for management changes, such as reduction in numbers or duration spent in pastures, as related to the drought.

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

Also discussed during the AOI was the need for materials to finish maintenance on the west side of New Tank Holding Pasture as well as the pasture separation fence between +IL and Town pastures, which the Forest Service will provide. Additionally, the need for two new gates along existing pasture fences was mentioned. Please contact Allison when you would like to pick up needed materials. Any other ground disturbing activities need to be coordinated with the Forest Service to obtain all clearances before work is to begin.



If you have any questions, please contact Allison, Kendell, or Andy at Black Mesa, (928) 535-7300 or at Lakeside, (928) 368-2100. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2021 grazing year on the Clay Springs Allotment.

Sincerely,



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