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Date: February 28, 2023

Dear Permittee:

On February 27th, 2023, Allison and Kendell met with you to discuss the 2023 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	Powerline	4 cow/calf	March 1 to April 7
Clay Springs	Town/+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 31
Clay Springs	Summer North	6 cow/calf	August 1 to October 31
Clay Springs	New Tank HP	4 cow/calf	November 1 to November 10
Clay Springs	+IL	4 cow/calf	November 11 to December 8
Clay Springs	Town	4 cow/calf	December 9 to January 19
Clay Springs	Powerline	4 cow/calf	January 20 to February 29

Utilization for the 2023 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.

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 to maintain the fence on north and south sides of New Tank Holding pasture as well as the fence between +IL and Town pastures, for which the Forest Service will provide needed materials. These and 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. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2023 grazing year on the Clay Springs Allotment.

Sincerely,

/s MATTHEW BULLMORE
Deputy District Ranger (Detailed)