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Dear Permittee:

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

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Powerline	4 cow/calf	March 1 to March 14
Town	4 cow/calf	March 15 to April 15
+IL	4 cow/calf	April 16 to May 15
Summer North	6 cow/calf	May 16 to July 15
Summer South	6 cow/calf	July 16 to September 15
Summer North	6 cow/calf	September 16 to October 31
New Tank HP	4 cow/calf	November 1 to November 15
+IL	4 cow/calf	November 16 to December 15
Town	4 cow/calf	December 16 to January 16
Powerline	4 cow/calf	January 17 to February 28

Utilization for the 2025 grazing season should not exceed an average of 30% of herbaceous forage species, 25% of terminal buds of riparian shrubs and trees, and 45% on 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 the Forest Service in advance. 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 Clay Springs 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.

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 Clay Springs Allotment. I am willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions.

Sincerely,



MATTHEW RUITMORE  
District Ranger

