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2026-FS-WO-00045-A

Date: 6/24/2026

Mr. Jeff Burgess
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Dear Mr. Burgess:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal, dated and received on March 18, 2026, by the United States Department of Agriculture's Forest Service Washington Office FOIA Service Center. Your appeal is assigned tracking number 2026-FS-WO-00045-A.

You are appealing the Southwestern Region (Region 3) March 11, 2026, final response to your November 5, 2025, FOIA request, assigned tracking number 2026-FS-R3-00237-F, in which you requested the following:

> "On March 13, 2025, the Mesa Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest rescinded the 2024-2025 annual operating instructions for the Reavis-Tortilla grazing allotment. According to that notice, the 2024-2025 AOI was signed on September 17, 2024. Please send…a copy of that AOI."

You appealed the sufficiency of the initial search.

Your appeal is granted.

In response to your appeal, the Washington Office conducted a second search and found a one (1) page responsive record; one (1) pages is released in entirety.

This is the Agency's final determination of your FOIA appeal. You may seek judicial review of the determination in an appropriate United States District Court pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Prior to seeking judicial review, you may contact the Office of the Government Information Services (OGIS). OGIS was created within the National Archives and Records Administration when the OPEN Government Act of 2007 amended the FOIA.

OGIS provides mediation of FOIA disputes between appellants and Federal agencies. Participation in mediation does not affect your right to judicial review. Contact information for OGIS can be found at: http://www.archives.gov/ogis/.

Sincerely,

LISA NORTHROP

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for

John W. Crockett
Deputy Chief
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Enclosure: one (1) page

Forest Service **Mesa Ranger District**

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File Code: 2210 **Date:** March 13, 2025
Route To:

Subject: Rescind of 2024-2025 AOI due to current drought.

To: Stud Camp Ranch LLC

This notice is to inform you of the many conversations that has taken place between Stud Camp Ranch LLC and the Forest Service regarding the current drought conditions. The 2024-2025 AOI signed on 09/17/2024 is hereby rescinded. Due to current drought conditions and water availability, the allotment will be placed in non-use status for Resource Protection for the 2025 grazing season. The grazing fees paid will be credited to the next authorized grazing season.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Cole or me to discuss.

Thank you,

MATTHEW KILFORD
District Ranger