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Bates, Sarah and Micheal
2670 W Willow Breeze, Rd
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Dear Sarah and Micheal Bates,

This document serves as your 2025 Amended #1 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Fossil Creek Allotment. This amendment only affects Section II Grazing Schedule, of the 2025 AOI, to determine the dates and numbers for the move to summer range.

I. AUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK NUMBERS/PERIOD OF USE/APPROVED NON-USE

Your 2025 Authorized Use Request has been approved, and you are authorized the following Livestock Numbers and Periods of Use:

162 Cow/Calf	03/10/25 - 2/28/2026
16 Bulls	03/10/25 - 2/28/2026
6 Horses	03/10/25 - 2/28/2026

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE

Annual stocking level (annual authorized livestock numbers and dates) are considered approximate. The actual dates and numbers may change due to many variables. The Annual stocking level is based on current and expected forage production. The planned use period in a pasture and livestock numbers can/should be adjusted if conditions change, either shortened or lengthened, depending on forage availability but not in excess of the permitted numbers and utilization levels in key areas.



***Changes from the grazing schedule will be made only with prior Forest Service approval.**

The following is the planned grazing sequence for the 2025 grazing season:

PASTURE NAME	PLANNED GRAZE PERIOD	LIVESTOCK NUMBERS
Hog Back	5/18 - 06/09	162 cows/16 bulls
Mud Tank	6/10 - 07/10	162 cows/16 bulls
Upper Ed's	7/11 - 08/02	162 cows/16 bulls
Pine	8/03 - 09/03	162 cows/16 bulls
Natural	9/04 - 09/21	162 cows/16 bulls
Tin Can	9/22 - 10/11	162 cows/16 bulls
House (shipping)	10/11 - 10/28	162 cows/16 bulls
Pine	10/29 - 11/29	162 cows/16 bulls
Mud Tank	11/30 - 12/10	162 cows/16 bulls
Doren's Defeat	12/11 - 1/05/2026	162 cows/16 bulls
Sally May	1/06 - 1/12/2026	162 cows/16 bulls
Stehr Lake	1/13 - 1/17/2026	162 cows/16 bulls
Surge	1/18 - 2/07/2026	162 cows/16 bulls
Chalk Springs	2/06 - 2/28/2026	162 cows/16 bulls

Rested Pastures for the 2025 Grazing Season:

Upper Wilderness, Lower Wilderness, Grass Patch, Basin, Sycamore Canyon, Doe Skin, Funnel 13 Mile Ridge, Chalk Springs, Surge, Manzanita, Natural.

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numbers and dates) is determined based on current and expected forage production; livestock numbers can/should be adjusted if conditions change (either shortened or lengthened, depending on forage availability but not in excess of the permitted numbers and utilization in key areas).

As a reminder, all fencing must be up to Forest Service standard prior to rotating into an authorized pasture.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact Noelle Resignolo (928) 963-1034.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Schlueter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ALEX SCHLUETER
District Ranger