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Dear Melissa,

This letter is to serve as Amendment #1 to the 2023 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Hackberry/Pivot Rock Allotment. This amendment, and the original AOI (dated July 7, 2023), are part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a). The Grazing Schedule (Section II) is the only amendment made to the original AOI; all other sections and instructions remain unchanged.

The table below represents the amended Grazing Schedule (Section II) for the Hackberry/Pivot Rock Allotment for the 2023 grazing season:

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

Your 2023 Authorized Use Request has been approved and you are authorized the following Livestock Numbers and Periods of Use:

151 cows	November 3, 2023 to May 1, 2024
17 bulls	November 3, 2023 to May 1, 2024

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE

***Changes to the grazing schedule may occur due to climate and changes will be made only with prior Forest Service approval.**

The following is the planned grazing sequence for the Pivot Rock 2023 grazing season:

Pasture	Dates	Number	
Pipeline	11/03-11/17	151 cows /17 bulls	14 days
Bulkhead/Basin	11/18-01/01	151 cows/17 bulls	44 days
Hackberry	01/02-02/15	151 cows/17 bulls	13 days
Upper Towel	02/16-03/01	151 cows/17 bulls	14 days
Middle Towel	03/02-03/15	151 cows/17 bulls	13 days
Lower towel Bull Run	03/16-04/15	151 cows/17 bulls	30 days



Mesquite	04/16-05/01	151 cows/17 bulls	15 days
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Rested (Un-grazed) Pivot Rock pastures for the 2023-2024 Grazing Season: Jims, Teepee, Doren, Pambo.

The 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).

III. RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Range Improvement Maintenance

Range improvements assigned to you for maintenance have been identified in red on the permit maps of your term grazing permit. These improvements are to be fully maintained annually to comply with permit requirements (Part 2, section 8i). Any maintenance you perform must conform to the standards specified by your District Rangeland Management Specialist. The grazing permittee is responsible for all maintenance materials, supplies and equipment necessary to properly maintain all range structural improvements. The Forest may replace range structural improvement materials and/or supplies at the end of the improvement's life; when maintenance and repair is no longer feasible to keep the improvement properly maintained and functioning.

New fence projects will be implemented only with prior approval and after a successful completion/clearance of both biological and archeological surveys from Forest Service personnel.

New fencing will be done to USFS standards and guidelines.

****Please note that you must notify the District Rangeland Management Specialist at least 60 days prior to beginning any maintenance work that requires the use of heavy equipment (ex. maintenance of earthen stock tanks).**

Scheduled for Projects/Maintenance Grazing Year 2023

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Location	Project	Completion
Potato Lake Exclosure	Inspect and repair fence five (5) days before going into pasture	
Allotment & pasture fences	Fences on the Fence Maintenance Responsibility Map will all be inspected and repaired five (5) days prior to cattle entering the assigned pastures	X

VI. DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

To aide in determining the initial livestock numbers the Standard Precipitation Index (SPI) and the US Drought Monitor Report was discussed. The SPI and the US Drought Monitor showed our area in a Moderate to Severe drought. It was agreed that due to the above factors as well as that with the current precipitation conditions and the fact that there was abundant forage left over at the end of the growing season the livestock numbers would remain the same unless the allotment moves into a negative drought status.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact Rangeland Management Specialist, Kathy Sevy at (928) 203-7537.

Sincerely,

LINDA WADLEIGH
District Ranger

