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Dear John Jr. and Cecelia:

On March 26, 2015, Kendell and John met with Larry Gibson and Frank Despain, Jr. to discuss the 2015 Annual Operating Plans for the Heber Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<i>Herd 1</i>		
Bunger	300 cow/calf	May 15 to June 30
Phoenix Park	450 cow/calf	July 1 to August 15
Halter Cross	450 cow/calf	August 16 to September 5
South Ancient	450 cow/calf	September 6 to September 30
North Ancient	450 cow/calf	October 1 to October 31
<i>Herd 2</i>		
Gentry	300 cow/calf	May 20 to July 15
Mud Tank	450 cow/calf	July 16 to August 9
Oil Well	450 cow/calf	August 10 to September 10
Red Knoll	450 cow/calf	September 11 to October 5
Squaw	450 cow/calf	October 6 to October 31

The Nelson and Bigler Pastures will be rested this year. The desired utilization level for the 2015 grazing season will be 25% on key species in key areas. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2015 grazing year.

Also discussed at the meeting was a potential prescribed burn in the Bunger Pasture. This burn block is small in scale when compared to the pasture and should not affect livestock operations at this point in time. We also talked about the current NEPA that is taking place on the Heber Allotment. A Draft Environmental Assessment is being prepared and should be released in the next couple of months. You will receive a copy of this in the mail when it is available. We will continue to work with you through this NEPA process and keep you informed of where we are at in the process. Larry had expressed interest in cleaning a few stock tanks this year with the help



of Arizona Game and Fish. Archeological survey has been completed on these tanks, but we are still waiting for the paperwork to be finalized. Once the paperwork is finalized through the Forest Service and the Arizona Game and Fish, Larry can proceed with cleaning the tanks.

By this letter, I also authorize Larry, or other 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 Heber Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession by them while engaged in any tree cutting.

If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, John, or Andy at the Black Mesa Ranger District, (928) 535-7300.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. James
Black Mesa District Ranger