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**File Code:** 2230  
**Date:** April 20, 2023

Dear Permittee:

On April 19, 2023, Andy met with Larry to discuss the 2023 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Heber Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers authorized are as follows:

*Herd 1*

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Nelson	150 Head	June 1 to July 15
Mud Tank	150 Head	July 16 to August 21

*Herd 2*

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Gentry	400 Head	June 1 to June 30
Bunger/Phoenix Park	400 Head	July 1 to July 31
Halter Cross	400 Head	August 1 to August 21
Oil Well/Mud Tank/Red Knoll	550 Head	August 22 to September 15
Bigler	550 Head	September 16 to October 15
Squaw	550 Head	October 16 to October 31

The Mud Tank, Oil Well, and Red Knoll Pastures will be run together as one unit until the fences can be rebuilt (~7 Miles) due to the Wyrick Fire in 2021. Herd 2 will join up with Herd 1 in August. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated with and approved by the Forest Service at least one week advance. The desired utilization level for the 2023 grazing season will be 25 to 35% on key species in key areas.

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. You are also authorized to remove dead and down pine trees near the Gibson Ranch in Black Canyon to provide lumber for maintenance of range improvements on the Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession by them while engaged in any tree cutting or removal.



This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions on the Heber Allotment for the 2023 grazing year. If you have any questions, please contact Kendell or Andy at the Black Mesa Ranger District, (928) 535-7300.

Sincerely,

/s RICHARD D. MADRIL  
District Ranger