



**File Code:** 2230  
**Date:** May 23, 2025

Dear Permittee:

On May 22, 2025, Andy, Matt, and Joel met with Larry to discuss the 2025 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Heber Allotment on the Black Mesa Ranger District. The pasture rotation and numbers authorized are as follows:

*Herd 1*

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Bigler	200 Head	June 1 to July 31
Nelson	100 Head	July 15 to August 15
Mud Tank/Oil Well/Red Knoll	300 Head	August 1 to September 30
Squaw	300 Head	October 1 to October 31

*Herd 2*

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Halter Cross	200 Head	July 15 to August 15
North/South Ancient	300 Head	August 16 to October 5
Squaw	300 Head	October 6 to October 31

The desired utilization level for the 2025 grazing season will be 25 to 35% on key species in key areas. 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 October in the Squaw Pasture before being moved off the Forest. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season to accommodate to changing conditions. You must notify the Forest Service at least one week in advance of a change in rotation and the change must be approved by the Forest Service. When moving between pastures, the entire pasture must be cleaned within 3 days of the scheduled move date.

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 or removal.

Any range improvement projects and ground disturbing activities need to be coordinated with the Forest Service to make sure all clearances have been obtained before any work can begin on the ground. This process needs to be started well in advance of the proposed work.



If you have any questions, please contact Andy or myself at the Black Mesa office, (928) 535-7300. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2025 grazing year on the Heber Allotment. In addition, I am always willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions.

Sincerely,



**MATTHEW BULLMORE**  
District Ranger