

United States Forest Department of Service Agriculture Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Lakeside Ranger District J22 West White Mountain Boulevard Lakeside, AZ 85929

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Dear Permittee,

On May  $2^{nd}$ , 2019 you met with Kendell, Matt and Andy to discuss the Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Lake Mountain Allotment. The grazing rotation and numbers discussed for this season are as follows:

| Pasture            | Numbers    | Dates                      |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Mineral            | 134 hd c/c | June 1 to June 22          |
| Doyle              | 134 hd c/c | June 23 to July 17         |
| Wolf               | 134 hd c/c | July 18 to August 17       |
| Lake Mountain      | 134 hd c/c | August 18 to September 22  |
| Firebox            | 134 hd c/c | September 23 to October 10 |
| Porter Lake/Quakie | 134 hd c/c | October 11 to October 27   |
| Holding            | 134 hd c/c | October 28 to October 31   |

Reservation pastures will be rested for this grazing season. When moving between pastures, livestock need to be completely moved out of the pasture within 3 days of the planned rotation date. You must notify the Forest Service if there is a need to deviate from the planned move date. The desired utilization level for the 2019 grazing season is 25% to 35% on key species in key areas and we would like to monitor utilization with you or ranch personnel after the livestock leave a pasture.

By this letter, I also authorize you and ranch personnel working for you, to cut, use, or remove any trees needed for fence post and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Lake Mountain Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession while engaged in tree cutting.

As mentioned during the AOI meeting, there may be opportunities to update and/or replace various range improvements across the Lake Mountain Allotment. Please bring all project ideas to Matt in advance so proper steps can be taken to get the various approvals needed to start and complete the project.

This letter will serve as your 2019 Annual Operating Instructions for the Lake Mountain Allotment. If you have any questions, please contact Matt, Kendell or Andy at 928-368-2105 or 928-535-7300.

Sincerely,

EDWARD COLLINS District Ranger

