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**Date:** February 22, 2023

Dear Permittee:

On February 21, 2023, Andy met with Erick to discuss the 2023 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Railroad Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Cactus Flat	480	March 1 to April 15
Walker Lake	480	April 16 to May 15
Rattlesnake	480	May 16 to June 1
Winter	480	June 2 to June 15
Owens	430	June 16 to July 1
Lons	430	July 2 to September 1
Pindedale/E Cottonwood	215	September 2 to October 1
McCleve/Juniper Ridge	215	September 2 to October 1
Lons	430	October 2 to October 15
Mortenson/Capps	430	October 16 to October 31
Bull Hollow HP	480	November 1 to November 15
Blue Grass	480	November 16 to December 15
Thistle	480	December 16 to January 20
Bull Hollow	480	January 21 to February 28
Fence Tank	50 yrlg heifer	July 1 to October 15

The Wilson and McNeil East Pastures will be rested this year. Utilization for the 2023 grazing season should not exceed an average of 35% in all pastures.

Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated and approved by the Forest Service in advance. 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. By this letter, I also authorize you or personnel working for you to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Railroad Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession with you or them while engaged in any tree cutting.



Please keep in mind that any ground disturbing work will need to be coordinated with the Forest Service to make sure all clearances have been obtained before work can begin. We also ask that any supplement used be placed at least a ¼ mile from any water source. Using supplement appropriately in this manner will help distribution of livestock within the pasture.

If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, Allison, or Andy at Black Mesa, (928)535-7300 or at Lakeside, (928)368-2100. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2023 grazing year. I am willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions.

Sincerely,

/s JOSHUA MILLER  
District Ranger