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Date: February 19, 2025

Dear Permittee:

On February 19, 2025, Andy and Charlie met with Erick to discuss the 2025 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Railroad and Pinyon Allotments on the Lakeside Ranger District. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

Railroad Allotment

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Thistle	330 Head	March 1 to March 24
Bull Hollow	330 Head	March 25 to April 30
Walker Lake	330 Head	May 1 to May 31
Rattlesnake	330 Head	June 1 to June 15
Winter	330 Head	June 16 to June 30
Owens/Mortensen	330 Head	July 1 to July 15
Lons	280 Head	July 16 to August 31
Pinedale/E Cottonwood	140 Head	September 1 to October 15
McCleve/Juniper Ridge	140 Head	September 1 to October 15
Lons	280 Head	October 16 to October 31
Mortensen	330 Head	November 1 to November 21
Bluegrass	330 Head	November 22 to December 31
Thistle	330 Head	January 1 to February 28
Fence Tank	50 Head	July 15 to October 15

The Cactus Flat, Wilson, and McNeil East Pastures will be rested this year. Utilization on the Railroad Allotment for the 2025 grazing season should not exceed an average of 35% in all pastures. 330 head will include the bulls. The dry cows will be pulled off the herd and placed in the Fence Tank Pasture after working the main herd in July and will be put back with the herd coming across the highway at the beginning of November.

Bulls will be placed in various bull pastures when they are not with the main herd. You will be asked to move the bulls to a different pasture if use exceeds 35% in any of the bull pastures.

Pinyon Allotment

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
East	63 cow/calf	June 1 to August 15
West	63 cow/calf	August 16 to October 31

Utilization on the Pinyon Allotment for the 2025 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 cooperate with and 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 and Pinyon Allotments. 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 Andy at the Black Mesa office, (928)535-7300 or at the Lakeside office, (928)368-2100. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2025 grazing year for the Railroad and Pinyon Allotments. I am willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions.

Sincerely,



CHARLES DENTON
District Ranger