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Griffin Cattle Ranch
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MODIFICATION OF TERM GRAZING PERMIT 12743

Dear John and Therese,

This is a modification to Sedow Allotment Management Plan and Term Grazing Permit 12743. An Allotment Management Plan and Term Grazing Permit must remain in compliance with Forest Plan, Regulation and Policy. Concurrence for actions related to ongoing grazing consultation was received by United States Fish and Wildlife Service on January 15, 2008.

Goals and Objectives

- Conservative use, 30-40% on herbaceous species and 50% on woody browse are designed to maintain forage utilization on key forage both for long term and seasonal monitoring.
- Measurements are by weight and often measured at the end of growing season. If levels exceed these limits over multiple years, a change in management may be warranted, such as, timing, intensity, duration and frequency.
- During each year, wildlife habitat for listed species and watershed condition may be monitored by seasonal utilization on key forage species.
- Flexibility will be used to adjust livestock timing and intensity during the year if seasonal levels are exceeded. Movements will be recommended based on seasonal utilization levels, weather conditions and availability of forage and water.
- Use in riparian areas will be minimized throughout Sedow Allotment by ensuring utilization standards are implemented.
- A deferred rest rotation system will be implemented. Pastures in this system will be deferred for a period of non-grazing during part of the growing season, and following season is rested for at least 12 months.

Problems and Conflicts

Razorback sucker critical habitat is located on neighboring Salt River. To ensure habitat continues to improve, no grazing will occur northwest of 4Y pasture boundary.

Appeal Rights

This modification is appealable under 36 CFR 214.4 (a)(1). Your appeal of this Term Grazing Permit modification must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 214.8. The Responsible Official, Tonto National Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth, is willing to meet with permittees to discuss concerns related to the Term Grazing Permit.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the Tonto National Forest Supervisor at 2324 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85006, within 45 days of signing your Term Grazing Permit (36 CFR 214.9). A copy of the notice of appeal should be filed simultaneously with Richard Reitz, District Ranger at 7680 South Six Shooter Canyon Rd., Globe, AZ 85501. Appeal documents may be filed in person, mailed, or faxed to 602-225-5295.

Sincerely,

RICHARD REITZ
District Ranger