



File Code: 2230  
Date: January 23, 2012



Dear [REDACTED]:

On January 19, 2012, Kendell Hughes and Andy Habgood met with you to discuss the 2012 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Show Low and Ellsworth Allotments. The two allotments will be run together by one herd with a rest rotation schedule. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Show Low	Divide	200 cow/calf	March 1 to March 31
Show Low	Telephone	200 cow/calf	April 1 to May 31
Show Low	Long	200 cow/calf	June 1 to June 30
Ellsworth	East/West Ellsworth	200 cow/calf	July 1 to July 31
Show Low	Porter	200 cow/calf	August 1 to September 30
Show Low	Long	200 cow/calf	October 1 to October 31
Show Low	Deep	200 cow/calf	November 1 to December 31
Show Low	Colbath	200 cow/calf	January 1 to February 28

The Robinson, Creek, and Second Knoll Pastures will be rested this year.

Maximum allowable forage use by vegetation type on the two allotments is listed below.

- Riparian Areas – 45% on grass and shrubs
- Dry Meadow Areas – 45% on grass and shrubs
- Goshawk Areas – 20% average but not to exceed 40%
- All other areas – 35% during plant growth, 45% during dormant

Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. By this letter, I also authorize you to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Show Low and Ellsworth Allotments. A copy of this letter must be in possession with you while engaged in any tree cutting.



Discussed was some of the data collection for the analysis to be performed on the Show Low and Ellsworth Allotments. The Timber Mesa/Vernon WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) Analysis was also discussed with you, stating that future vegetation treatments on your allotments are being analyzed. All projects and improvements must be discussed with the Forest Service and proper clearances must be obtained before continuation of any project. Please be aware that these clearances may take up to a year to obtain. Since the grazing fee has not been established for the 2012 grazing season, a bill for collection will be mailed to you in whole when the fee is announced. If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, John, or Andy at 928-535-7300. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2012 grazing year. I am willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions.

These Annual Operating Instructions are appealable under 36 CFR 251. If you decide to appeal these instructions, you must file a notice of appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 251.87. You have 45 days from the date of these Annual Operating Instructions to file a notice of appeal with the Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, AZ 85938 and you must send a copy of the appeal to the District Ranger, Lakeside Ranger District, 2022 W. White Mountain Blvd., Lakeside, AZ 85929. It is the responsibility of the appellant to provide the Forest Supervisor sufficient narrative evidence and argument to show why the decision should be reversed or changed in accordance with 36 CFR 251.90.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Edward W. Collins*  
EDWARD W. COLLINS  
District Ranger