



File Code: 2230

Date: February 10, 2013



Dear [REDACTED]:

On February 4 19, 2013, Kendell Hughes and Andy Habgood met with you to discuss the 2013 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Show Low and Ellsworth Allotments. 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 15
Show Low	Telephone	200 cow/calf	March 16 to May 15
Show Low	Long	200 cow/calf	May 16 to June 15
Show Low	Second Knoll	200 cow/calf	June 16 to July 31
Show Low/ Ellsworth	Porter/ East/ West Ellsworth	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	Divide	200 cow/calf	December 22 to December 31
Show Low	Colbath/Robinson/ Creek	200 cow/calf	January 1 to February 28

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 at the meeting was the current status of the Timber Mesa/Vernon analysis and some of the options that may be available in regards to mechanical treatments of the juniper portions of the analysis. You mentioned that you want to clean some tanks. These tanks will have to be



approved by the archaeologist for cultural resources before you can clean them. Andy and Kendell discussed potential time frames for this to be completed. You had also mentioned that you have a copy of the grazing permit application that we provided to you two years ago and are still in the process of working on this.

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 2013 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