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EB Ellsworth Family Limited Partnership  
Ethan Ellsworth  
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Dear Ethan:

On February 11, 2016, Andy met with you to discuss the 2016 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	Colbath	200 cow/calf	March 1 to March 15
Show Low	Telephone	200 cow/calf	March 16 to April 30
Show Low	Long	200 cow/calf	May 1 to May 31
Show Low	Second Knoll	200 cow/calf	June 1 to June 30
Show Low/ Ellsworth	Porter/ East/ West Ellsworth	200 cow/calf	July 1 to August 31
Show Low	Second Knoll	200 cow/calf	September 1 to September 15
Show Low	Long East	200 cow/calf	September 16 to September 30
Show Low	Long	200 cow/calf	October 1 to October 31
Show Low	Deep	200 cow/calf	November 1 to December 7
Show Low	Divide	200 cow/calf	December 8 to January 8
Show Low	Colbath/Robinson/ Creek	200 cow/calf	January 8 to February 28

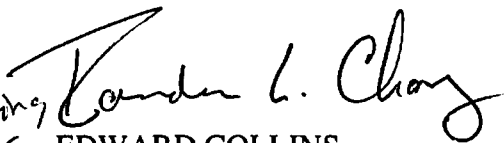
Utilization for the 2016 grazing season should not exceed an average of 45% in all pastures during dormant season and 35% during the growing season. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated and approved by the Forest Service. When moving between pastures, livestock need to be completely moved in a reasonable timeframe and should not exceed 7 days of the move date. Stray livestock remaining in the pasture need to be completely removed no later than 14 days after the move date. 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.



The fence between the Second Knoll and Porter Pastures is a priority for maintaining this year. This will include maintenance on the fence between East Ellsworth Pasture and Second Knoll Pasture. The Forest Service will provide some of the material. There are ongoing timber treatments in the Porter Pasture that may require adjustments to this AOI. Coordination will need to take place as we continue to complete these treatments.

If you have any questions, please contact Kendell 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 2016 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,

*acting for*   
EDWARD COLLINS  
District Ranger