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Date: May 21, 2024

Dear Permittee:

On May 16, 2024, Andy and Kendell met with you to discuss the 2024 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Sponseller and Ortega Allotments. The two allotments will continue to be run together by one herd. The pasture rotation and numbers authorized for the 2024 grazing season are listed below:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Ortega	East Mormon	380 Head	June 1 to June 14
Ortega	West Mormon	380 Head	June 15 to June 28
Ortega	Woolhouse	380 Head	June 29 to July 26
Ortega	Bourdon	380 Head	July 27 to August 23
Sponseller	East Sponseller	380 Head	August 24 to September 13
Sponseller	South Sponseller	380 Head	September 14 to October 11
Sponseller	West Sponseller	380 Head	October 12 to October 25
Ortega	Woolhouse	380 Head	October 26 to October 31

The Ortega Pasture will be rested this year. The desired utilization level for the 2024 grazing season will be 35% on average for all pastures. Utilization will be measured in key areas on key species for each pasture after livestock leave the pasture. 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 out of the pasture within 3 days of the planned rotation date. You must notify the Forest Service if there is a need to deviate from the planned move date.

New projects requiring ground disturbance must be approved by the Forest Service and all clearances obtained before any work can begin. Please let us know if there are additional projects needed throughout the grazing season so that we can begin this process.

By this letter, I also authorize you or people working for you, to use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Sponseller and Ortega Allotments. A copy of this letter must be in possession by you or them while engaged in any tree cutting.



If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, Allison, or Andy at the Lakeside office, (928) 368-2100, or at the Black Mesa office, (928) 535-7300. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2024 grazing year for the Sponseller and Ortega Allotments. If needed, I am willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions during the grazing season.

Sincerely,

/s CHARLES DENTON
District Ranger