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**Date:** May 29, 2013

R.E.B. Properties, LLC Richard Bunger P.O. Box N Winslow, AZ 86047

Dear Mr. Bunger:

This letter will serve as a modification to the original Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) dated May 15, 2013 for the Wallace Allotment. Due to the improvement conditions in the Waters Pasture, the rotation will need to be adjusted.

The fences in the Waters Pasture are currently in poor condition due to timber sales, wildfire, and general lack of maintenance over the last five years since it was grazed. It was brought up by Josh Smart that it would not be possible to get these fences back up in time for the cattle to come onto the Forest in the Waters Pasture. It was decided on the morning of May 20, between Mr. Smart and Andy Habgood, that the fences in the Waters Pasture will be worked on during this grazing season and the rotation will be adjusted to allow for this. Since some of the fence was damaged during Forest Service timber sales and wildfire, it was agreed that the Forest Service will provide up to a mile of fence at this time, starting with a half of a mile. The permittee will be responsible for all labor involved in fixing and rebuilding the existing fence. Any existing fence that is beyond repair will be rebuilt and any fence that can be repaired will be reused. Any old material that is unusable must be removed from the Forest. This letter also authorizes you and ranch personnel to cut, use, or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Wallace Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession by you or them while engaged in tree cutting.

The new pasture rotation discussed and approved is as follows:

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Grama	425 Yearlings	June 1 to July 15
Barney	425 Yearlings	July 16 to August 20
Butte	425 Yearlings	August 21 to October 15





Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season to accommodate to changing conditions. This letter will serve as your new Annual Operating Instructions for the 2013 grazing season. I am willing to meet with you to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these revised Annual Operating Instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, John, or Andy at (928) 535-7300 or (928) 368-2100.

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher J James CHRISTOPHER J JAMES Black Mesa District Ranger