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Taylor Stake - LDS Church  
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Dear Jay:

On April 5, 2016, Kendell, Andy, and Matt met with you, Gary Kirkman, and Quinn Smith to discuss the 2016 Annual Operating Plans for the Willow Wash Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Pulp Mill	178 cow/calf	May 1 to June 5
Government Tank	178 cow/calf	June 6 to June 15
Southwest Willow	178 cow/calf	June 16 to June 29
Ranch	178 cow/calf	June 30 to July 12
Hall	178 cow/calf	July 13 to August 3
Bear Springs	178 cow/calf, 20 yrlg	August 4 to August 24
Phelps	178 cow/calf, 20 yrlg	August 25 to September 14
Sackett	178 cow/calf, 20 yrlg	September 15 to October 3
Northwest Willow	178 cow/calf, 20 yrlg	October 4 to October 23
East Sundown	178 cow/calf, 20 yrlg	October 24 to November 13
Southeast Willow	178 cow/calf, 20 yrlg	November 14 to November 30

The Northeast Willow, West Sundown, Yarrow, and Cottonwood South Pastures will be rested this year. The desired utilization level for the 2016 grazing season will be 25% on herbaceous forage species, 20% of terminal buds on riparian shrubs and trees, and 45% on browse species. Utilization monitoring will take place on key species within key areas. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2016 grazing year.

By this letter, I also authorize yourself, or other people working for you on the allotment, to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Willow Wash Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession of those engaged in tree cutting for this purpose.

If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, Matt, or Andy at the Black Mesa Ranger District, (928) 535-7300.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER JAMES  
District Ranger

cc: Quinn Smith

