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Dear Walt:

This document serves as Amendment #1 to your 2009 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Fossil Creek Allotment for the winter use period (10/16/09 to 2/28/10). This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a). Authorized Livestock Numbers/Periods of Use/Approved Non-Use (Section I), the Grazing Schedule (Section II), Resource Monitoring (Section IV), Range Improvements (Section VII), and the Forage Utilization Monitoring Form are the only amendments made to the original AOI; all other sections and instructions remain unchanged. Please refer to the original AOI for all items not listed here.

I. AUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK NUMBERS/PERIOD OF USE/APPROVED NON USE

Your 2009 Authorized Use Request has been approved and you are authorized the following Livestock Numbers, Periods of Use, and location:

13 Bulls	10/15/2009 to 2/28/2009	Fossil Creek Allotment
281 Cows	10/15/2009 to 2/28/2009	Fossil Creek Allotment
6 Horse	10/15/2009 to 2/28/2009	Fossil Creek Allotment

Permitted livestock numbers and period of use for the Fossil Creek allotment are 477 adult cattle (yearlong) and 6 horses (yearlong). The following Non-Use has been approved for resource protection:

183 Animal Units	10/15 to 2/28/2009	Fossil Creek Allotment
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## II. GRAZING SCHEDULE

The following is the planned grazing sequence for the winter use period of the 2009 grazing season (projected into the beginning of the 2010 grazing season):

<b>PASTURE NAME</b>	<b>PLANNED GRAZE PERIOD</b>	<b>LIVESTOCK NUMBERS</b>
<b>Main Herd</b>		
Pine	October 15 to November 10	300
Upper Ed's Point	November 11 to November 30	300
Lower Ed's Point	December 1 to December 20	300
<i>Trailed across Boulder to Stehr Lake pasture</i>	December 21 to January 10	300
Surge	January 11 to February 10	300
Chalk Springs	February 11 to March 10	300
Sally Mae	March 10 to April 10	300
Boulder	April 10 to May 10	300

### Rested (Ungrazed) Pastures for the 2009 Grazing Season

Mud Tank      Hog Back      Barry      13 Mile Ridge      Funnel      Basin  
 Sycamore Canyon      Doe Skin      Doren's Defeat      Grass Patch      Heifer

Changes from the grazing schedule will be made only with Forest Service approval. The planned use period in a pasture may be shortened or lengthened depending on forage availability and utilization in key areas. Livestock pasture moves will be completed within a five (5) day period and livestock will be actively herded from one pasture to the other. Once a pasture move occurs, cattle are not authorized to graze outside the newly occupied pasture. Cattle routinely escape pastures for various reasons (i.e. pasture gates left open, cattleguards not maintained, cut fences, etc.), however, these particular cattle will be returned to the correct pasture in a timely manner. Preventing livestock from grazing adjacent allotments, your allotment's rested pastures, or from regrazing previously used pastures is the permittee's responsibility.

## Section IV. ALLOWABLE UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Moderate grazing intensity (40-50%) will be managed for in the late spring to early summer months when sufficient opportunity exists for plant regrowth. During the remainder of the year, allowable utilization will be managed at conservative levels (30-40%) when the potential for plant regrowth is limited or nonexistent.

Generally pastures will be grazed only once during the grazing year. However, if the need arises to provide rest (or deferment) for other pastures, a pasture may be used twice provided there has been sufficient vegetative growth/regrowth and grazing is managed within the intensity and utilization guidelines.

Section VII. Range Improvements

1. Construct three fenced, livestock water access lanes along Fossil Creek: two locations in the Stehr Lake pasture and one location in the Boulder pasture. Livestock currently have unrestricted access to Fossil Creek at the two locations in Stehr Lake pasture. The proposed livestock watering access lane in the Boulder pasture would be a new watering location. Livestock grazing in Boulder and Stehr Pastures will not be authorized until these improvements are constructed.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact Robert Garcia (928) 203-7517 or Colin Porter at (928) 203-7537.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Sue A. Derrick for*  
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