

**File Code:** 2230  
**Date:** November 29, 2018

Mr. Lance Thiessen  
Canyon Del Buey, LLC  
HC 62, Box 625-13  
Datil, NM 87821

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
NUMBER: 7015 0640 0006 8667 3379**

Dear Mr. Thiessen:

Term Grazing Permit No. 61493, issued to Canyon Del Buey LLC on November 21, 2017, authorizes the grazing of 344 cow-calf pairs on the Canyon del Buey Allotment for a year round season of use.

The following information has been brought to my attention regarding your term grazing permit:

1. On May 24, 2018, Craig Thiessen (a member of Canyon Del Buey LLC) pleaded guilty to knowingly taking a threatened species, was sentenced to one year unsupervised probation and was ordered to pay \$2,300 in restitution. This is a violation of Part 1, Section 3 of your term grazing permit and 36 CFR 222.4(a)(6).
2. Misrepresentations were made by Lance Thiessen regarding the managerial role of Craig Thiessen in the materials provided in support of the application for Term Grazing Permit No. 61493. This is a violation of Part 1 Section 3 of your term grazing permit and 36 CFR 222.4(a)(5).

As stated in Part 1, Section 3 of your Term Grazing Permit, "It is fully understood and agreed that this permit may be suspended or cancelled, in whole or in part, after written notice, for failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions specified in Parts 1, 2, and 3 hereof, or any of the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture on which this permit is based, or the instructions of Forest officers issued thereunder; or for knowingly and willingly making a false statement or representation in the permittee's grazing application, and amendments thereto; or for conviction for failure to comply with Federal laws or regulations or State and local laws relating to livestock control and to protection of air, water, soils and vegetation, fish and wildlife, and other environmental values when exercising the grazing use authorized by the permit." Therefore, it is my decision to cancel Term Grazing Permit No. 61493 for the Canyon del Buey Allotment.



This decision is subject to administrative appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 214. Your appeal must be received by the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days from the date of the decision at the following address:

Adam Mendonca  
Forest Supervisor  
Gila National Forest  
3005 E. Camino del Bosque  
Silver City, NM 88061  
Fax Number: (575) 388-8222  
email: [appeals-southwestern-gila@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-southwestern-gila@fs.fed.us)

In accordance with 36 CFR 214.8, your appeal must include:

1. Your name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and email address, if any;
2. A brief description of the decision being appealed, including the name and title of the Responsible Official and the date of the decision;
3. The title or type and, if applicable, identification number for the written authorization and the date of application for or issuance of the written authorization, if applicable;
4. A statement of how you are adversely affected by the decision being appealed;
5. A statement of the relevant facts underlying the decision being appealed;
6. A discussion of issues raised by the decision being appealed, including identification of any laws, regulations, or policies that were allegedly violated in reaching the decision being appealed;
7. A statement as to whether and how you have attempted to resolve the issues under appeal with the Responsible Official and the date and outcome of those efforts;
8. Any statement of the relief sought;
9. Any documents and other information upon which you rely; and
10. Your signature and the date.

The following specific requirements also must be included in your appeal, where applicable:

1. A request for oral presentation.
2. A request for stay.
3. Additionally, if you file a notice of appeal, you may simultaneously request mediation pursuant to 36 CFR Part 222 Subpart B. If mediation is desired you must request mediation as part of filing your appeal.

As the Responsible Official for this decision, I am willing to meet with you to discuss any issues related to the decision. Please contact my office at (575) 773-4678 if you would like to arrange a meeting.

If no appeal is made, all of your livestock must be removed from the Canyon del Buey Allotment and the Quemado Ranger District no later than 45 days from the date of this decision.

Sincerely,



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District Ranger

cc: Lance Thiessen <sup>(b) (6)</sup>; Craig Thiessen, Adam Mendonca, Gary Ziehe, Art Telles