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Date: July 9, 2003

Sterling and Judith Carter

Dear Sterling and Judith:

With this letter, I am hereby amending your Annual Operating Plans for the North Palomas Allotment. You are authorized to graze 100 head of cattle on the Hermosa Allotment from July 9, 2003 through October 15, 2003, under a Temporary Grazing Permit. Please have all your North Palomas cattle removed from the North Palomas Allotment by July 19, 2003. Please notify this office when pasture rotations are complete.

Allowable use levels on the Hermosa allotment will be set at 30% on upland species, and 20% on riparian woody vegetation. It is your responsibility to ensure that livestock remain well distributed to avoid exceeding these standards. The Forest Service will work cooperatively with you and the Range Improvement Task Force in identifying key areas on the Hermosa Allotment for monitoring.

Range improvements on the Hermosa Allotment will be in the same working condition as they are today. Some improvements may be needed to utilize the Allotment, and these will be the responsibility of the permittee. You are required to maintain the North Palomas range improvements through the period of non-use.

Cattle are to be kept out of the North Seco watershed to avoid adverse impacts to Chiricahua leopard frog and Mexican spotted owl. The Parker Three-Step transect clusters and paced transects will be read as a condition for the use of the Hermosa Allotment. The North Palomas permittee will be responsible for this accomplishment with assistance from the Range Improvement Task Force and the Forest Service.

As a part of this amendment the permittee and US Forest Service have agreed to work on a long range planning document, or Allotment Management Plan to describe resource objectives and management for the North Palomas Allotment, to be completed within the next 3 – 4 months.

This document amends parts 1-3 & 5 of your existing AOI for the North Palomas Allotment. You are required to comply with all other instructions as stated in your 2003 North Palomas Allotment AOI. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeff Rivera, Rangeland Management Specialist at (505) 894-6677 by telephone, jrivera02@fs.fed.us by e-mail, or by postal mail at 1804 Date St., T or C, NM 87901. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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