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Date: May 6, 2004

John H. Richardson

Dear Mr. Richardson ,

This letter along with the attached general instructions will serve as the annual operating instructions (AOI) for the 2004 grazing season on the Indian Creek Allotment. Pasture use and management will be as follows:

PERMITTED USE:

ALLOTMENT	PERMITTED NUMBER	PERMITTED SEASON
Indian Creek	50 Cattle C/C	03/01-02/28
	4 Horses	03/01-02/28

AUTHORIZED USE:

ALLOTMENT	AUTHORIZED NUMBER	PASTURE	ON/OFF DATE	PASTURE INSTRUCTIONS
Indian Creek	3 Bull	Allotment	5/25-2/28	
	25Cattle (c/c)	Allotment	7/4-2/28	
	4 Horses (saddle)	Allotment	5/25-2/28	

Forage use by grazing ungulates will be maintained at or above a condition that assures recovery of threatened and endangered species. Site-specific forage utilization standards have been developed for the Indian Creek allotment, as per the Environmental Analysis and Decision notice dated 9/1/95. Key areas and utilization standards are as follows:

KEY AREA	UTILIZATION STANDARD	KEY SPECIES
SW of Coffee Pot Tank	40%	Blue Grama
Homestead Trail	40%	Blue Grama
Meadow Trail	40%	Blue Grama

In order to keep utilization rates down to an acceptable level, I request that you not place salt on the flat bench along the meadow trail. This area appears to be a natural concentration area and the salt will only keep livestock in the area for a longer period of time. No horses are permitted in Indian Creek. Please keep an eye on this area. If livestock from an adjacent allotment are found grazing in this area, please contact us.

Structural Range Improvement Maintenance for 2004:



IMPROVEMENT NAME	IMPROVEMENT NUMBER	ACTIVITY	FUNDING SOURCE
Coffeepot Tank	1229	Bentonite	Permittee/FS

If you have any questions in regard to this plan or if a revision is in order, please contact me.

Sincerely,

ANNETTE H. CHAVEZ
District Ranger

Cc: S.O.

WILDERNESS RANGER DISTRICT
GILA NATIONAL FOREST

ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN

2004

INDIAN CREEK ALLOTMENT

John Richardson

Prepared By: _____ Date: _____
District Range Staff

Approved By: _____ Date: _____
District Ranger

Agreed to By: _____ Date: _____
Permittee