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Re: Appeal #00-03-00-0074-A215 Citizen Allotment Decision, Glenwood Ranger District, Gila National Forest

Dear Mr. Allred:

This is my review decision concerning the appeal you filed regarding the Decision Notice and Finding Of No Significant Impact which authorize grazing and implement the grazing management strategy on the above named allotment

### **BACKGROUND**

District Ranger Baldwin issued a decision on December 21, 1999, for the above named allotment. The decision resulted in the selection of the following alternative and authorization: Citizen Allotment, Modified Alternative D, which authorizes 250 head of cattle (cow/calf) and 10 head of horses to graze yearlong, and 140 head of cattle (yearlings) to graze for 6 months annually during the winter.

The District Ranger is identified as the Responsible Official, whose decision is subject to administrative review under 36 CFR 215 appeal regulations.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.16, an attempt was made to seek informal resolution of your appeal. The record indicates that informal resolution was not reached.

My review of this appeal has been conducted in accordance with 36 CFR 215.17. I have thoroughly reviewed the appeal record and the recommendations of the Appeal Reviewing Officer. My review decision incorporates the appeal record.

### **APPEAL REVIEWING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

In his initial review the Appeal Reviewing Officer concluded the disclosure of environmental effects for the selected alternative in the Citizen analysis was not adequate. Therefore, the Appeal Reviewing Officer recommended that the decision be reversed for further analysis and that further technical review of this appeal be discontinued pending further analysis and issuance of a new decision.



**APPEAL DECISION**

Based on the Appeal Reviewing Officer's recommendations I am reversing the Responsible Official's decision on the above named allotment for further analysis and a new decision. By copy of this decision the Responsible Official is instructed to adhere to the utilization standards and mitigation measures identified in the environmental assessment until a new decision is issued. The Responsible Official is also instructed to monitor the allotment sufficiently to document use levels as cattle move through the allotment, and to ensure domestic cattle are removed from pastures before overall utilization levels are exceeded.

My decision constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture [36 CFR 215.18(c)].

Sincerely,

/s/ James T. Gladen  
JAMES T. GLADEN  
Appeal Deciding Officer  
Deputy Regional Forester, Resources

Enclosure

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