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**From:** Ruppel, Douglas T -FS  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 4:31 PM  
**To:** Bedson, Kelly P -FS  
**Subject:** RE: Bar X 2015 AOI

Kelly,  
My discussion with Mike, to the best of my recollection, centered around the fact that we needed to incorporate this pasture in his grazing rotation on a regular basis since this is part of an active grazing allotment. Mikes desire was to utilize this pasture as part of his rotation so that we could provide adequate rest to other pastures on the allotment that had already been used. We also wanted to provide more even utilization of the forage resource on the allotment. As you are aware, sound range management principles and US Forest Service grazing policy require that we utilize the entire area of an allotment that has been used as the basis for a stocking capacity determination. This pasture was included in the stocking rate assessment for this group of allotments and has never been removed from the grazing allotment. We were both fully aware that there was a subdivision within this pasture, however, since that subdivision was built long after the grazing allotment was established and Arizona is a fence out state it is the responsibility of the landowners in that subdivision to fence the cattle out.

During my tenure as the North Zone Range Staff for the Tonto National Forest, I found Mike Hemovich and the Bar X Ranch to be among the most progressive and responsible permittees I have ever worked with. His attention to detail and dedication to a high level of stewardship on his allotments is remarkable. Please let me know if I can do anything else in this regard. Take Care,

Doug



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Doug,

During the 2015 grazing season Mike Hemovitch of the Bar X allotment was authorized to use the Turkey Pasture. This was the first time in many years that the pasture had been used. Could you tell me about the conversation that you and Mike had, and how you came to the decision that it would be beneficial to include in the 2015 rotation?

Thanks.



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