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Dr. Martin Taylor  
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Dear Dr. Taylor,

I appreciate your letter notifying us of alleged grazing violations on the Montana allotment. I am enclosing an inspection report completed by Range Management Specialist, Mark Hocken that addresses your concerns. The report addresses specific UTM coordinates as outlined in your letter of June 5, 2001 where these violations occurred. We have been closely monitoring the Montana allotment for several years to assure livestock grazing is within allowable use standards. Key areas for monitoring livestock forage utilization have been located in the various pastures. Production cages have been established in these key areas so we can accurately measure livestock forage use. We realize allowable use standards will be exceeded in some focus areas within each pasture while in other areas livestock use standards will not be met. However, we closely monitor designated key areas within each pasture to assure the allowable use standards are not exceeded throughout the allotment. We found no evidence of breaks in the fence or recent livestock use in the Sonora Chub enclosure.

Sincerely,

KEITH L. GRAVES  
District Ranger



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