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MEMORANDUM

TO: Todd Welker, Region Manager, Southeast Region
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FROM: Rick Roeder, Assistant Division Manager, Agriculture

SUBJECT: 2015 GRAZING RATES

1. 2015 PERMIT RANGE FEES

The 2015 permit range fees are as follows:

Cattle - \$13.19/AUM
Sheep - \$2.97/AUM

The fees for cattle and sheep are based on the formula in WAC 332-20-220, using livestock prices from the 2014 calendar year reported by the USDA Statistical Reporting Service. (February 27, 2015)

2. 2015 DRYLAND GRAZING RATES

The rental rate for all dryland-grazing leases that are issued or adjusted during calendar year 2015 is **\$12.60/AUM**. This rate will apply until the lease expires or until the next scheduled rental adjustment.

The dryland grazing rate is based on the survey average AUM grazing fee for private non-irrigated land in the State of Washington, reported by the USDA Statistical Reporting Service. (January 2015) With adequate justification a fencing/improvement credit of up to \$2.00/AUM may be given. Said credit requires SLA and ADM approval. To obtain the fair market rental value for livestock grazing on these leases the Land Manager may make adjustments to this AUM rate if local conditions, markets, or the lessee's contributions justify a change.

Leasehold excise tax is not charged on grazing permits or leases. If you have any questions, please call Noah Bates, Agriculture Manager, at (360) 902-1873.