



2010 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotment: Govina

Permittee: Y Canyon Ranch LLC

Permit Number: 61192

Authorization:

Authorized to graze the following in 2010:

Authorized	From	To	Allotment
105 cow/calf	3/01/2010	2/28/2011	Govina

***Personal Convenience non-use is considered for a maximum of three consecutive years and must be applied for and approved each year by the District Ranger.**

Management:

Govina 2010 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Time Frame
John Kerr	Rest
Govina North (Wagon)	03/01/2010-2/28/2011
SU, Todd Cieniga and Tularosa Pasture/Traps	5/01/2010-2/28/2011
**As needed for gathering, holding and calving only	

The 2009 Willow Fire affected portions of the John Kerr Peak Pasture and will be rested during 2010 grazing season. Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off the allotment, as well as refinements that may be needed to enhance the management system. If you identify the need to differ from these management systems by more than 15 days, please contact this office at least two weeks in advance so that the District has time to conduct monitoring and assess your request.

Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

Per the 12/13/1999 Govina Allotment Decision Notice, the maximum allowable use level set for the Govina Allotment is **35%** for dormant and growing season grazing of grass species. The maximum allowable riparian utilization is no more than **20%** of woody plant species/seedlings heavily hedged. Monitoring will be conducted within two weeks before to two weeks after the date cattle are scheduled to leave a pasture. Key areas and restricted areas will be monitored to determine actual grazing use/seasonal use by livestock/wildlife.



At least 75% of the monitoring sites must have utilization rates less than or equal to the allowable use guideline, to be considered to meet the overall utilization requirement. If utilization is found to exceed 60% at any time during the use period on any one key area monitoring site, livestock must be removed from the pasture or allotment. If the utilization exceeds the allowable use guideline for 2 consecutive years or any 3 years in a 10 year period, management changes (permit reduction, grazing period reduction livestock class change, additional range developments, etc.) will be instituted.

*The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for a combination of annual monitoring as well as range analysis long term monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged and invited to participate in monitoring with district personnel and/or on your own.

Pasture	Monitoring date
Govina, SU, Todd Cieniga and Tularosa	7/13/2010
Govina, SU, Todd Cieniga and Tularosa	10/05/2010

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

Per Part 2, clause 8(c) of your Term Grazing Permit, if forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2010 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary.

Salt and Supplement Policy

Supplemental feeding of livestock is allowed (to strategically manage livestock distribution and forage use) as follows:

- a) Place supplements on previously disturbed areas (i.e., borrow pits) or natural bedrock outcrops when possible (supplement sites).
- b) Locate supplement sites 0.25 mile or more from waters and key areas except where prior written permission has been obtained from District Ranger.
- c) Locate supplement sites where forage is abundant and utilized less than average.
- d) Limit supplement types to non energy feeds such as salt, protein and mineral blocks.
- e) Use products that prevent the spread of noxious weeds, no feeding of hay on National Forest System Lands.

Grazing Restriction:

The Govina allotment includes Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Center's (PAC). In these PAC's the following activities are restricted during the breeding season (March 1-August 31): livestock concentrations or trailing, fence construction, and livestock salting. Routine maintenance of range improvements is allowed.

Range Improvements:

All assigned range developments identified in your Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a functional status.

Advance planning is needed for any range improvement reconstruction or replacement, including fences and water systems to evaluate the need for any additional surveys. General maintenance/repair is excluded. Advance planning is also needed for authorized stock tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled accordingly. Please contact the District in advance if you are proposing any of this type of work.

Please protect natural springs and areas with riparian type vegetation. Drainage bottoms, creeks, springs, and cienegas, where water is available, are most susceptible to livestock concentrations.

The following range improvements were discussed and planned for this grazing season:

1. Fence #6192 needs rebuild at the water point near Tularosa Spring Corral.
2. Fence #6199 needs heavy maintenance north of Baker Tank.
3. Damien Spring #6203 in Govina Pasture needs trough replaced and permittee has a rubber tire trough to install.
4. G.C. Tanks #1 (#6206), G.C. #3 (#6220) and G.C. #8(#6205) needs cleaned.
5. South Cotton wood Tank #6405 also needs cleaned.
6. Permittee would like to evaluate relocating G.C. #9 Tank (6495)- need to assess.
7. A cattleguard is needed between John Kerr Peak Pasture and Govina Pasture along fence #6541 on the road that goes around John Kerr.

The Govina Allotment Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. The AOI complies with the standards and guidelines found 12/13/1999 Govina Allotment Decision Memo, the 10/20/2004 Allotment Management Plan and in the Gila National Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

Feel free to contact Aaron Baldrige or myself at (575) 533-6231 if you have any questions concerning this document.

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