GILA NATIONAL FOREST
WILDERNESS RANGER DISTRICT
ANNUAL OPERATING PROVISIONS

2006

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Canyon creek Allotment

/s/ Don Luhrsen *3/29/06*
Prepared By: _____ Date:_____
District Range Staff

/s/ Alan E. Koss *3/30/06*
Approved By: _____ Date:_____
District Ranger

Agreed to By: _____ Date:_____
Permittee

PERMITTED USE:

ALLOTMENT	PERMITTED #	PERMITTED SEASON
Canyon Creek	20 Cattle	03/01-02/28
	4 Horses	03/01-02/28

AUTHORIZED USE:

ALLOTMENT	AUTHORIZED NUMBER	PASTURE	ON/OFF DATE	PASTURE INSTRUCTIONS
Canyon Creek	8 Cattle	Allotment	03/01-02/28	
	4 Horses	Allotment	03/01-02/28	

Management of Livestock

The allotment is in resource protection partial non-use for this grazing season. Some flexibility is allowed for justifiable causes such as weather conditions, livestock management needs, and range condition. If there is a need to deviate from the above schedule by more than 15 days, you need to immediately notify the District Ranger of the proposed change. The District Ranger must be notified five days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest if the placing on, or removal of livestock is not planned in the above schedule.

When the allotment is stocked, you will be responsible for maintaining control of your livestock. Monitoring water availability and forage utilization is your responsibility. Forage use by grazing ungulates will be maintained at or above a condition that ensures recovery of threatened and endangered species. Site-specific forage utilization standards have been developed for the Canyon Creek Allotment, as per the Environmental Analysis and Decision Notice dated April 14, 1999. Key areas and utilization standards are as follows:

KEY AREA	UTILIZATION STANDARD	KEY SPECIES
Elk Tank	25%	Blue grama
Flying V Tank	25%	Blue grama
Corner Tank	25%	Blue grama
Stovepipe	25%	Blue grama

Incidental use by livestock in Canyon Creek may occasionally occur; however, the intent is to restrict livestock use of this area to provide for riparian recovery.

Improvement Maintenance

All range improvements assigned in your Term Grazing Permit will be maintained in a good functioning condition. In the event improvements cannot be maintained in good functioning condition, you should notify this office, so we may schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available. Please ensure that all fences are maintained in satisfactory condition.

You are authorized, as the permittee on the Canyon Creek Allotment, to cut and utilize juniper fence posts and fence stays to maintain fences, corrals, and other improvements on National Forest System lands within the allotment. This authorization allows for cutting 100 line posts, 100 corner posts, and 300 stays. Line posts are no larger than 6.5 feet in length and have a five-inch top diameter. Corner

posts are no larger than eight feet in length and have a seven-inch top diameter. Stays may be cut from the limbs of trees cut for posts, sapling sized trees, and down snags. You are authorized to use this material under 36 CFR 223.2(a), Free Administrative Use. This authorization is valid for the calendar year 2005.

The following instructions must be followed when cutting any posts or stays under this authorization:

1. Stumps should be no higher than 12 inches above the ground.
2. Slash should be lopped to within 24 inches of the ground and scattered.
3. Cutting and removal of posts and stays should not be done when the soil moisture conditions would cause ruts to be cut.
4. No posts, stays, or by-products from them will be sold or used anywhere except on National Forest System lands within your allotment to maintain the range improvements assigned in your ten-year Term Permit.
5. All posts and stays will be cut within your allotment, unless another specific area is designated for cutting by the District Ranger.
6. Motorized equipment such as chainsaws may not be used in wilderness areas.

Non-compliance with the instructions set forth in this authorization could lead to adverse actions taken against your Term Grazing Permit. If you have any questions in regard to this plan or if a revision is in order, please contact me.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Canyon Creek Allotment had NEPA completed on April 14, 1995. These Annual Operating Provisions are a reaffirmation of a prior decision and therefore may not be appealed.

Feel free to contact Johnny Zapata, or Al Koss, if you have any questions or problems. They will be happy to discuss allotment management, conditions on your allotments, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, or any other concerns you may have.