



Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) Amendment

Allotment: Black Bob/Cross V

Permittees: Myrna Christensen and Glen McCarty

Permit Numbers: 61024 & 61233

1. **Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2006:

Permittee	Authorized	From	To
Christensen	20 cow/calf	3/1/06	4/30/06
	20 cow/calf	7/1/06	2/28/07
McCarty	299 cow/calf	3/1/06	5/15/06
	299 cow/calf	11/1/06	2/28/07

2. **Management:**

Black Bob/Cross V 2006 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Permittee/Cattle Number	Time Frame
East Largo	Christensen/20 cow/calf	3/1-3/10
	McCarty/61 cow/calf	3/1-3/10
Cross V allotment	Christensen/20 cow/calf	3/11-4/15
	McCarty/61 cow/calf	3/11-5/15
SU	McCarty/163 cow/calf	3/1-5/15
Cienega/West Mess Box	McCarty/75 cow/calf	3/1-5/15
Barreras Trap	Christensen/20 cow/calf	4/15-4/30
	McCarty/61 cow/calf	4/8-5/15
Landfill	McCarty - cycle SU/Cienega/Mess Box cows through and off allotment	4/15-5/15
East Mess Box/3 Section/West Largo	None	Rest

As discussed at the meeting 3/3/06, many areas in the southern portion of the East Largo pasture have reached or are exceeding the allowable use rates. The following mitigation measures have been developed: Glen McCarty will move approx 15 heifers off the allotment to calve by approx



3/10/06, If placed back on allotment they will not be placed in the East Largo pasture (will go to Cienega/West Mess Box/SU, Cross V or Deep Canyon). All cattle from the East Largo pasture will be moved to Cross V until their off date.

No livestock are allowed within the East Mess Box/3 Section/West Largo pastures or the riparian areas of the San Francisco River on National Forest System land. Please maintain all fences and water gaps necessary to keep your cattle out of these pastures and riparian areas on NFS lands.

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off of the allotment, as well as refinements that may be needed to enhance the management system. If you identify the need to differ from this management system 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.

Prior to 7/1/06. We will meet to discuss pasture placement of livestock for 7/1/06-2/28/07.

3. Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

The maximum allowable use level set for the Black Bob Allotment is **35%**. Monitoring will be conducted at the approximate midpoint of the scheduled use period and/or within two weeks before to two weeks after the date cattle are scheduled to leave a pasture. If utilization levels are approaching allowable use levels, livestock will be required to be moved to areas within the pasture or other pastures that are not approaching allowable use levels. In the event that areas not approaching the allowable use are not available, livestock will be removed from the allotment when allowable use rates are met. Management adjustments will be made to the following years Annual Operating Instructions to avoid recurring instances of over utilization. The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged to participate in monitoring with district personnel and/or on your own.

Pasture	Monitoring date
Cross V	05/03/06
SU	05/09/06
Cienega	05/10/06
West Mess Box	05/10/06
Barreras Trap	05/16/06
Landfill	05/16/06
Landfill	12/14/06
East Largo	01/18/07

4. Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2006, total or partial livestock removal from the allotments may be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the grazing permit provides this option.

5. **Range Improvements:**

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permits must be maintained to a functional status. Especially pay attention to the fences required to exclude livestock from the East Mess Box/3 Section/West Largo pastures and the San Francisco river.

In addition, specific maintenance discussed included:

Fences: The Largo Cross V fence (#6065) is in need of work/reconstruction. Please contact Collin Ewing or Jerry Turner to inquire about the availability of materials and for a permit modification.

Other: Please cooperate to maintain and use the Sawmill well in the fall of 2006 and spring 2007. This water system could be crucial to avoiding the distribution problems experienced in the East Largo pasture in 2005-2006.

Advanced planning is needed for authorizing tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled during the summer months. 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.

6. **The Annual Operating Plan/Instructions** are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the Black Bob allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

This decision is subject to administrative review, pursuant to 36 CFR 251; and any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 251.90. In accordance with 36 CFR 251.84, if you file an appeal, I am willing to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with my decision. If you file an appeal, you may request an oral presentation in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.97). Additionally, if you file an appeal, you may request a stay of my decision in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.91).

A notice of appeal must be filed with Marcia R. Andre, Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico, 88061-7863, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with Rogers M. Steed, District Ranger, Reserve Ranger District, at P.O. Box 170, Reserve, NM 87830.

Feel free to contact Collin Ewing or myself at (505) 533-6231 if you have any questions or problems concerning this document.

/s/ Rogers M Steed
ROGERS M. STEED

3/16/06
Date

District Ranger