

**Annual Operating Instructions**  
Mackey Allotment  
Black Range Ranger District, Gila National Forest  
**2007 grazing season**

In a letter date January 24, 2006, you were granted nonuse for resource protection to allow forage resource to recover. This agreement will terminate when your term grazing permit expires or you decide to stock the allotment.

In addition, we are analyzing the Mackey Allotment to determine whether the natural resources are meeting or moving toward Gila National Forest Plan standards. With your help, we will discuss the future livestock management on the allotment. A decision will be made to manage the grazing to maintain satisfactory range condition and positive trend.

**1. PASTURE USE SCHEDULE**

NONUSE, No pasture schedule.

**2. UTILIZATION STANDARDS**

Currently, there is no authorized livestock use on the Mackey Allotment, therefore, no utilization standards.

**3. KEY AREA MONITORING**

Although there are no cattle authorized to graze the Mackey Allotment during the 2007 season, this office will conduct monitoring of the allotment as schedules allow. The purpose of these monitoring inspections will be to determine compliance with the non-use MOU, detect trespass livestock from adjacent areas, and to assess general resource conditions of the allotment.

District personnel will contact the permittees to coordinate site visits to monitor key areas. Permittee participation is encouraged. Forage utilization estimates will be consistent with the Forest Service Range Analysis Handbook methodology.

**4. RANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure that existing range improvements remain functional. This includes boundary fences and interior pasture fences. Routine maintenance of existing improvements does not require written clearance, however, construction/reconstruction of new improvements must authorized in writing from this office.

Through discussions with Mark Anderson, you are planning to replace the boundary fences on the allotment. You have been authorized to do this work. Kameron Sam or Shane Shannon, of my staff, will work with you to provide the necessary materials.

**5. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

No special management instructions.

**6. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

The permittee must obtain permission from the District Ranger, before conducting earth-disturbing activities on the National Forest. The Forest Service will arrange inspections of project areas and will prepare appropriate environmental and cultural documents before earth-disturbing activities proceed. These activities include road/earthen tank maintenance, as well as construction/reconstruction of trails, roads, earthen tanks, etc. **Do not conduct any earth-disturbing activities on the Forest without written clearance from this office.**

The Annual Operating Instructions are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Pat 3, Section 8. These instructions comply with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan, including the 1996 Forest Plan Amendment. They also comply with the Endangered Species Act found in the Biological Assessment for the Mackey 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 (see enclosed copy of 36 CFR 251 regulations). 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 Mike Frazier, Acting Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, at 3005 E. Camino Del Bosque, Silver City, NM 88061, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with Larry Cosper, District Ranger, Black Range Ranger District at 1804 Date Street, Truth or Consequences, NM 89701.**

We appreciate your cooperation in the management of the Mackey Allotment. If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please contact Kameron Sam, Rangeland Management Specialist (505)894-6677. Thank you.

Approved by:

/s/ Larry D. Cosper  
Larry D. Cosper, District Ranger

05-07-2007  
Date