

GILA NATIONAL FOREST  
WILDERNESS RANGER DISTRICT  
ANNUAL OPERATING PROVISIONS

2007

FOWLER CATTLE COMPANY

TAYLOR CREEK  
JORDAN MESA  
&  
EAST CANYON



Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Range Staff

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Ranger

Agreed to By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee

**PERMITTED USE: Amendment # 1**

ALLOTMENT	PERMITTED #	PERMITTED SEASON
Jordan Mesa	200 Cattle	03/01-02/28
	10 Horses	03/01-02/28
Taylor Creek	263 Cattle	03/01-02/28
	7 Horses	03/01-02/28
East Canyon	175 Cattle	03/01-03/31 11/01-02/28
	5 Horses	03/01-03/31 11/01-02/28

**AUTHORIZED USE: Your authorized use is amended as follows to reflect the additional grazing period.**

ALLOTMENT	AUTHORIZED NUMBER	ON/OFF DATE	PASTURE INSTRUCTIONS
Jordan Mesa	0	Non-Use	
Taylor Creek	0	Non-Use	
East Canyon	(72 cattle 5 horses)	3/01 -3/31	
East Canyon	(72 cattle 5 horses)	11/1 -2/28	
East Canyon	(72 cattle 5 horses)	4/1 -5/31	All Pasture

**MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK:**

The above schedule for stocking the allotments depends upon the availability of forage and water. 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 ten (10) days, you need to immediately notify the District Ranger of the proposed change.** The District Ranger must be notified five (5) days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

It is your responsibility to move your livestock when sufficient water is no longer available or when proper forage utilization is achieved in a pasture. You are responsible for maintaining control of your livestock. In the event your livestock are found to be out of the scheduled pasture, you will be required to find, gather, and return your animals to the proper pasture as soon as possible. Failure to maintain control of your livestock could lead to adverse action against your Term Grazing Permit.

You may begin to move cattle or open pasture gates to allow cattle to move from one pasture to another five (5) days prior to the scheduled rotation date, unless otherwise specified. The pasture the cattle are leaving should be “cleaned out” within five (5) days after the scheduled date for moving. This will allow you ten (10) days to move cattle from one pasture to the next.

**SALTING:**

Placement of salt will be used as a management tool to obtain even distribution of livestock and utilization of forage. Salt will be placed on areas of good forage production and light utilization. There will be no permanent salt grounds. Once the salt at a given salt ground has been used, the salt ground will be moved. Occasionally, cattle may have to be driven to new salt grounds to show them where it is. In this manner, it will be possible to draw the cattle into areas needing

utilization. At no time will salt supplement be placed in areas of natural livestock concentration, closer than ¼-mile to either permanent or semi-permanent stock watering locations, within drainage bottoms, or within visible distance to roads unless authorized by the District Ranger.

**UTILIZATION GUIDELINES:**

Forage use by grazing ungulates will be maintained at or above a condition that ensures satisfactory watershed conditions. To maintain satisfactory watershed conditions, we have established a maximum allowable use of 40 percent in key areas on the East Canyon Allotment. Key areas are as follows:

KEY AREA	UTILIZATION GUIDELINE	KEY SPECIES
East Canyon	40%	Blue Grama
Water Canyon	40%	Blue Grama
McKnight Road Mesa tops	40%	Blue Grama

If allowable use exceeds 40 percent in any key area of a pasture during the season of use, livestock will be moved to the next pasture. If all remaining key areas in the allotment are at maximum use, livestock will be removed from the allotment.

**Improvement Maintenance**

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

Improvements which we have agreed that you are going to maintain in 2006 include:

IMPROVEMENT NAME	IMPROVEMENT NUMBER	ACTIVITY	FUNDING SOURCE
			Permittee
			Permittee

Non-compliance with the instructions set forth in this authorization could lead to adverse actions taken against your Term Grazing Permit.

**Appeal Rights**

Jordan Mesa Allotment had NEPA completed on April 14, 1999. Taylor Creek and East Canyon Allotments had NEPA completed on September 1, 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.

**Prescribed Burning**