



Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotment: Cross V
Permittee: Mark J. Svir
Permit Number: 61298

Authorization: Authorized to graze the following in 2007:

Authorized	From	To	Allotment
15 cow/calf	3/1/2007	2/28/08	Cross V

Remainder (35 head) nonuse for Resource protection

Nonuse for resource protection is granted in order to allow for recovery of the Wilson fire area in the Devils Canyon and South pastures. The tentative stocking plan is to stock 15 head in Cottonwood and Outlaw pastures until next fall (2007). At that time the burn area in the South pasture (low-moderate intensity) will have had 2 growing seasons of deferment. If determined by the district that the burn area has recovered sufficiently to support grazing, the authorized livestock numbers would be increased accordingly (up to approximately 30 head).

Approximately 30 head would be grazed until the following fall (2008) at which time the burn area in the Devils Canyon pasture (low-moderate-high intensity) will have had 3 growing seasons of deferment. If determined by the district that the burn area has recovered sufficiently to support grazing, the authorized livestock numbers would be increased accordingly (up to approximately 50 head).

1. Management:

Cross V 2007 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Time Frame
Cottonwood	3/1-4/30 (all cattle)
Outlaw	5/1-10/31
South	11/1-2/28
Devil's Canyon	Rest

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.

2. Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

The maximum allowable use level set for the Cross V Allotment is **35%**. Use of riparian browse is not to exceed the **25%** level (no more than 25% of riparian sprouts/seedlings heavily hedged). Monitoring will be conducted at the approximate midpoint of the scheduled



use period and 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
Cottonwood	4/18/2007
Outlaw	10/9/07
South	1/16/2008

3. Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2007, total or partial livestock removal from the allotments may be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the grazing permit provides this option.

4. Range Improvements:

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

In addition, specific maintenance discussed included:

Fences: Mark Svir will maintain the fences surrounding the Outlaw and South pastures prior to stocking.

Water: Outlaw spring will need to be reconstructed and protected before cattle are allowed to enter South or Devil’s Canyon Pastures. Several stock tanks are at risk of filling with sediment because of the Wilson fire, the Forest has requested funding to clean those tanks. Several other tanks are silted in and have not been maintained. These tanks are the responsibility of the permittee to maintain. Please contact the district for a permit modification prior to maintaining these tanks.

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.

5. 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 Cross V 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 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
District Ranger

January 8, 2007
Date