



Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotments: Govina
Permittee: Y Canyon Ranch LLC
Permit Number: 61192

1. **Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2007:

Authorized	From	To	Allotment
105 cow/calf	3/1/07	2/28/08	Govina

After application and payment of grazing fees

2. **Management:**

Govina 2007 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Time Frame	Comment
Govina (Wagon)	3/01-2/28 (all cattle)	
John Kerr	rest	

No Livestock are allowed within the riparian area of the Tularosa River. **The district is initiating consultation with USFWS to allow a waterpoint on the river. The district will contact you if concurrence is received.**

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

3. **Utilization Standards and Monitoring:**

The maximum allowable use levels set for the Govina Allotment is **35%**.

Allowable use is the percentage of use that will be allowed on key grasses. Key area utilization monitoring will continue. 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. Key areas and restricted areas will be visited to determine actual grazing use/seasonal use by livestock/wildlife.

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.

Allotment	Pasture	Monitoring date
Govina	Govina	5/17/2007
Govina	Govina	11/28/2007

4. **Grazing Restriction:** Govina Allotment includes Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Centers (PAC). In these PAC's the following activities are restricted during the breeding season of the Owl (March 1-August 31): livestock concentrations or trailing, fence construction, and livestock salting; routine maintenance is allowed.
5. **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.
6. **Salt and Supplement Policy**

Supplemental feeding of livestock is allowed (to strategically manage livestock distribution and forage use) as follows:

- a) Place supplements on previously disturbed areas (i.e., borrow pits) or natural bedrock outcrops when possible (supplement sites).
- b) Locate supplement sites 0.25 mile or more from waters and key areas except where prior written permission has been obtained from District Ranger.
- c) Locate supplement sites where forage is abundant and utilized less than average.
- d) Limit supplement types to non energy feeds such as salt, protein and mineral blocks.
- e) Use products that prevent the spread of noxious weeds (no feeding of hay on National Forest System Lands).

7. **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: Y Canyon Ranch LLC proposes to partially reconstruct the Govina allotment east boundary fence #4113 and #6199. Please contact Collin Ewing or Jerry Turner to inquire about the availability of materials and for a permit modification.

Water: 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.

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. This AOI is in accordance with the 12/13/1999 Decision Notice for the Govina allotment. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the Govina allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

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
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District Ranger

12/15/06
Date