



Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

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

1. **Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2008:

Authorized	From	To	Allotment
43 cow/calf	3/1/08	2/28/09	Govina

After application and payment of grazing fees
Remainder non-use for personal convenience.

2. **Management:**

Govina 2008 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Time Frame	Comment
Govina (Wagon) North	4/01-6/30 (all cattle)	
Govina (Wagon) South	7/1-10/31 (all cattle)	
Govina (Wagon) North	11/1-2/28	
John Kerr	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 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 (North)	5/15/2008
Govina	Govina (South)	10/16/2008

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 2008, 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 will maintain all fence responsibilities

Water: Y Canyon Ranch LLC proposes to repair Damian Spring #6203. Contact Jerry for any materials needed for the project. 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.

A notice of appeal must be filed with Richard E. Markley, 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 Jerry Turner or myself at (575) 533-6231 if you have any questions or problems concerning this document.

/s/ Rogers M. Steed
ROGERS M. STEED
District Ranger

1/14/2008
Date