ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2022 Grazing Season
(3/01/2022-2/28/2023)

Reserve Ranger District
Gila National Forest

Govina Allotment

Agreed To By: Aaron Baldridge for/
Y Canyon Ranch LLC, Permittees
Date: 1/10/2022

Approved By: Amanda Gehrt
Amanda Gehrt, Detailed District Ranger
Date: 2/11/2022
2022 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotment: Govina
Permittee: Y Canyon Ranch LLC
Permit Number: 61437

Permitted Use:

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1. Authorization: Authorized to graze the following in 2022:

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Counting Livestock: The standard for counting livestock on an allotment is as follows:

a. All cattle six (6) months of age or older at the time of entering the National Forest and all weaned animals regardless of age will be counted against the permitted numbers on the allotment and charged for at the current rate.

Nonuse: Application for credit or refund must be made in “writing” and “in advance” by the permittee to the District Ranger using Form FS-2200-1 (Refund, Credit, or Transfer Application). When it is not possible to be timely in getting to the Ranger District Office, the permittee may phone in a request for refund or credit. The permittee will then complete Form FS-2200-1 (Refund, Credit, or Transfer Application) at the next visit to the Reserve Ranger District Office. Note: Credit or refund applications will not be processed unless value is $100.00 or more and District personnel have been notified either in advance or at the time livestock are removed from NFS Lands.

Bovine Trichinosis: Virgin bulls not exposed to breeding are exempt from testing if under 12 months of age. Bulls 12 months of age and older are required to have a negative trich test within 30 days prior to entry. A signed affidavit from the owner for the virgin status of bulls 12 TO 24 months of age is no longer applicable. Non-virgin Breeding age Bulls must be tested negative prior to import into New Mexico. Non-virgin Breeding age Bulls sold within the state of New Mexico must be tested negative within 30 days prior to change of ownership. Please contact the New Mexico Livestock Board for more details.
Management: Govina 2022 Pasture Rotation:

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<td>John Kerr</td>
<td>3/01-6/30</td>
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<td>Govina North</td>
<td>7/01-11/15</td>
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<td>John Kerr</td>
<td>11/16-2/28</td>
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<td>SU, Todd Cienega and Tularosa Pasture/Traps</td>
<td><strong>As needed for gathering, holding and calving only</strong></td>
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*Livestock are not authorized in riparian exclosures on the Tularosa River. Please ensure that fences are maintained to prevent livestock access.

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off the allotment, as well as refinements that may be needed to enhance the management system. 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.

2. Utilization Standards and Monitoring:
Per the 12/13/1999 Govina Allotment Decision Notice, the maximum allowable use level set for the Govina Allotment is 35% for growing season and 45% for dormant season grazing of grass species.

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceed utilization, livestock will be moved to another area of the pasture where actual use is less than allowable use. If all the remaining key areas are maximum allowable use, livestock will be required to be moved early to the next scheduled pasture or even off the allotment if the allowable use is exceeded throughout.

The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for monitoring. You are highly encouraged and invited to participate in monitoring with district personnel and/or on your own.

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<td>Govina North (Wagon)</td>
<td>11/19/2022</td>
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3. Forage Growth and Water Availability:
Per Part 2, clause 8(c) of your Term Grazing Permit, if forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2022 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary.
4. **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 approval 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) If there is a need to use energy supplements such as grain, hay, surplus milk products, ethanol production by-products or molasses based products; a supplemental plan will need to be developed and approved by the District Ranger prior to placing these energy type supplements on National Forest lands.

5. **Grazing Restriction:**
   The Govina allotment includes Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Center’s (PAC). In these PAC’s the following activities are restricted during the breeding season (March 1-August 31): livestock concentrations or trailing, fence construction, and livestock salting. Routine maintenance of range improvements is allowed.

6. **Range Improvements:**
   All assigned range developments identified in your Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a functional status.

   Advance planning is needed for any range improvement reconstruction or replacement, including fences and water systems to evaluate the need for any additional surveys. General maintenance/repair is excluded. Advance planning is also needed for authorized stock tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled accordingly. Please contact the District in advance if you are proposing any of this type of work.

   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 following range improvements were discussed and planned for this grazing season:

   1. Fence #6187 and fence #6225 needs heavy maintenance following damage from 2018 Buzzard Fire.
   2. Permittee is working with NRCS several project proposals:
      a. on erosion control project proposal along Long Canyon Rd.
      b. Fence between John Kerr and Govina North will be evaluated for repair/replacement.
      c. Permittee proposes to install cattleguard near Todd Cienega Corral.
   3. All riparian exclosure fences along the Tularosa River need to be maintained to exclude livestock.
   4. Evaluate a walk-through gate along the CDT Trail near Todd Cienega Trap.
   5. GC 3 Tank #006220 and South Cottonwood Tank #006405 need cleaned.
7. **The Govina Allotment Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)** are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. The AOI complies with the standards and guidelines found 12/13/1999 Govina Allotment Decision Notice, the 2/12/2014 Allotment Management Plan and in the Gila National Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.