

# ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2016

## Black Range Ranger District

Gila National Forest

### Mackey Allotment #209



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District Ranger

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### **Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:**

<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Number &amp; Class of livestock</b>	<b>Dates</b>
William & Caroline Alexander	89 Cattle Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28
	1 Horse	03/01 – 02/28

**A Non-Use Agreement for Resource Protection was signed on December 31, 2015. This is Year # 1 of this agreement. This agreement will terminate on December 31, 2020.**

### **KEY AREA MONITORING**

Although there are no cattle authorized to graze the Mackey Allotment during the 2016 season, this office will conduct monitoring of the allotment as schedules allow. The purpose of these monitoring inspections will be to determine compliance with the non-use agreement, detect trespass livestock from adjacent areas, and to assess general resource conditions of the allotment.

District personnel will contact you to coordinate site visits to monitor key areas. Permittee participation is encouraged. Forage utilization estimates will be consistent with the Forest Service Range Analysis Handbook methodology.

### **RANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure that existing range improvements remain functional. This includes boundary fences and interior pasture fences. Routine maintenance of existing improvements does not require written clearance; however, construction/reconstruction of new improvements must be authorized in writing from this office.

No new range improvements are planned for the Mackey Allotment for the 2016 grazing season. If at any point during the year you determine a need for additional range improvements, or materials to maintain/reconstruct existing improvements please contact Shane Shannon, Range Technician, to coordinate the project.

### **SPECIAL MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS**

No special management Provisions.

### **OTHER PROVISIONS**

The permittee must obtain permission from the District Ranger, before conducting any earth disturbing activities on the National Forest. The Forest Service will arrange inspections of project areas and will prepare appropriate environmental and cultural documents before earth-disturbing activities proceed. These activities include road/earthen tank maintenance, as well as construction/reconstruction of trails, roads, earthen tanks, etc. **Do not conduct any earth-disturbing activities on the Forest without written clearance from this office.**

The Annual Operating Provisions are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. These Provisions comply with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan, including the 1996 Forest Plan Amendment. They also comply with the Endangered Species Act found in the Biological Assessment for the Mackey Allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the Annual Operating Provisions.

This decision is not subject to administrative review, pursuant to 36 CFR 251.