

# 2019 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

**Glenwood Ranger District**  
Gila National Forest

**Alma Allotment #400**

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Andrew Bryant (Forest Service) met with Bryan Davis (ranch manager) over the phone on February 6, 2019 to discuss management of the Alma Allotment during the current grazing year and to plan grazing management for the upcoming grazing season. These Annual Operating Instructions are the result of that discussion.

#### Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permittee	Number & Class of livestock	Dates
L-H Ranch, LLC	300 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28

#### Authorized Use:

Permittee	Number & Class of livestock	Dates
L-H Ranch, LLC	260 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28

#### Pasture Rotations:

Class of Livestock	Rotation Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 05/15	Barlow Basin & Round Mountain(split herd)
Cow/Calf	05/15 – 11/15	Round Mountain(entire herd)
Cow/Calf	11/15 – 02/28	Barlow Basin & Cradle Mesa (split herd)
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28	Holding/Relief Pastures

\* Pastures that are scheduled for holding and/or doctoring. Livestock can be used until allowable use is reached.

The above schedule for stocking the allotment depends upon the availability of forage and water. Some flexibility in the above pasture rotation dates will be allowed for justifiable causes such as weather conditions, livestock management needs, and range conditions. If there is a need to deviate from the above pasture rotation schedule by more than 15 days, you must notify the Ranger District of the proposed change in the pasture rotation date and the reason for the change. A deviation from the above schedule of more than 15 days must be approved verbally or in writing. Credit/Refund applications will not be processed unless District personnel have been notified either in advance or at the time of removal of stock.

### II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

The permittee is responsible for monitoring water availability and forage utilization and moving livestock when sufficient water is no longer available or when proper forage utilization is achieved in a pasture. The permittee is responsible for keeping track of and maintaining control of livestock. In the event livestock are found to be out of the scheduled pasture, it is required to find, gather, and return those animals to the proper pasture as soon as possible.

### III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit are to be maintained in a functioning condition. In the event these improvements cannot be brought up to a functioning condition, you should notify the Range Staff at the Glenwood Ranger District to schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available.

Round Mtn Division Fence (#17) from Twin Sisters to WS Place. Project started.

We discussed building a fence to split Cradle Mesa to improve distribution. Route has been determined and we are in the process of obtaining appropriate clearances.

We also discussed laying a waterline above ground from Burns Well (private) to Twin Sisters Corral/storage/trough. Brian will get with NM OSE to determine necessary paperwork for change in point-of-distribution, etc. Kendall will prepare a water use agreement between FS and L - H Ranch LLC and a permit modification (1 ½ mile approximate pipeline).

We discussed the need to put water-lot fencing around the following tanks:

- Middle
- Hobble Steer
- Little Round
- Hell Acre

Kendall will check on appropriate clearances and prepare a permit modification prior to work commencing.

Would like to rebuild Burns corral. Clearance given. **Completed 2018**

Burn's Well converted to Solar. **Completed 2018**

Rebuilt water gap and associated fencing along San Fran River **Completed 2018**

#### **IV. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONCERNS**

Keep track of conditions on your allotment. Make plans to reduce or remove livestock if vegetative/watershed conditions could be substantially harmed due to continued grazing

#### **V. MODIFICATIONS**

If unforeseen operational conditions require a change in the management specified in this AOI please contact rangeland management personnel at the Glenwood Ranger District. Change requests should be made in advance so that field inspections (if necessary) can be conducted. Approval of changes to this AOI may be verbal or written, depending on the nature of the change requested. Verbal changes will be documented to your file for record keeping purposes. Failure to follow the direction provided in this AOI, or other instructions (verbal or written) of a Forest Officer may lead to adverse action against your Term Grazing Permit (Part 1, Section 3 of your Term Grazing Permit).

Open and positive communications concerning all AOI content is encouraged. Feel free to contact Kendall Brown if you have any questions or concerns.