

2019 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District

Gila National Forest

Citizen Allotment #405

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District Ranger

Annual Operating Instructions

I. INTRODUCTION

Kendall Brown (Forest Service) met with Joel Nelson (permittee) on February 5, 2019 to discuss management of the Citizen 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:

Number & Class of livestock	Dates
424 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28
10 Horses	03/01 – 02/28

Authorized Use:

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10 Horses	03/01 – 02/28

Pasture Rotations:

Class of Livestock	Rotation Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 04/15	North/South Arizona
Cow/calf	04/16 – 07/30	Breeding Ground & Park (Smoothing Iron used for bred heifers ~70)
Cow/Calf	08/01 – 02/28	North/South Arizona/Park (1/2 herd)
Cow/Calf	11/01 – 02/28	Brushy/JH (1/2 herd)
Bulls	03/01 - 05/15 10/15 - 02/28	JH (40 head)
Horses	03/01 – 02/28	Horse pasture and/or with cattle

**Holding Pastures will be used for holding and/or doctoring, as needed. Livestock can remain in the pasture until allowable use is reached. Cattle will be stocked in North pasture first and allowed to drift into South Arizona as forage conditions dictate.

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

You are responsible for monitoring water availability and forage utilization. It is your responsibility to move your livestock when sufficient water is no longer available or when proper forage utilization is achieved in a pasture. You are responsible for keeping

track of and maintaining control of your livestock. In the event your livestock are found to be out of the scheduled pasture, you will be required to find, gather, and return your 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.

- Continue to rebuild Day, Smoothing Iron & Fox corrals. You have permission to cut stays as needed.
- Clean Buchanan Tank and seal. Clearances have been acquired. Work can start when/if the tank goes dry.
- Replace thin wall pipe from Webster Spring to Webster Hole tank and install drinker at a determined site on the pipeline. An archeological survey and permit modification will need to be done before work can start.
- Run an above ground pipeline from Section 29 spring to a site to be determined in Section 33. An archeological survey and permit modification will need to be done before work can start.
- Need to look pipeline that runs down Snare Canyon from Cement Dam #4080 for clearances to bury this pipeline.
- Run an above ground pipeline from Smoothing Iron Rim Tank (206) to the southwest into section 32 and set drinker on fence (#163 pasture division between Smoothing Iron and South Arizona pastures). An archeological survey and permit modification will need to be done before work can start.
- Re-build the loading chute near Park Tank.

IV. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

You indicated that you may be in favor of managed wildfire on your allotment. You will be notified if a wildfire occurs and your input will be solicited when management decisions are being made. The District Ranger will authorize necessary changes to this AOI to accommodate fire management.

V. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONCERNS

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

VI. 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.