

2019 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District
Gila National Forest

Rain Creek/74 Mountain Allotment #725

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I. INTRODUCTION

These Annual Operating Instructions document the discussion between Andrew Bryant (Forest Service), Charlotte Griffin (permittees), and Terrell Shelley (manager) over the phone on February 1, 2019.

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Number & Class of livestock	Dates
302 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 03/31
151 Cow/Calf	04/01 – 04/30
151 Cow/Calf	08/15 – 09/14
302 Cow/Calf	09/15 – 02/28

Authorized Use:

Number & Class of livestock	Dates
241 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 03/31
151 Cow/Calf	04/01 – 04/30
151 Cow/Calf	08/15 – 09/14
302 Cow/Calf	09/15 – 02/28

Pasture Rotations:

Class of Livestock	Rotation Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 03/31	Shelly Peak & Mogollon (241 head)
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 04/30	Juniper/Haystack/West Fork (151 head)
Cow/Calf	08/15 – 02/28	Shelly Park & Mogollon (151 head)
Cow/Calf	09/15 – 02/28	Juniper, Haystack & West Fork (151 head)

The rotation schedule is not intended to identify specific dates for rotations but only to identify a general time frame. All rotations should be based on utilization or other resource objectives. 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.

Would like to rebuild and realign about 1.5 miles of fence 8051 located in sections 30 and 29.

Would like to rebuild $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of fence SE corner of private to allotment boundary.

Would like to rebuild $\frac{1}{2}$ mile section of fence 8104 from junction 8033 to Dickerson Tank.

You proposed cleaning of Trail Tank with a rubber tired backhoe if it dries sufficiently. Since this will not cause soil disturbance, the backhoe may be walked into the tank. Cleaning activity must be limited to within the already disturbed area of the tank.

74 Mountain trailhead road: Terrell recommends leaving this road alone for the time to prevent washing out. He also recommends the same for the Rain Creek Trailhead road.

IV. 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.

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.