

2019 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District

Gila National Forest

Rough Canyon Allotment #726

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I. INTRODUCTION

Andrew Bryant (Forest Service) met with Tom Shelley (permittee) over the phone on February 11, 2019 to discuss management of the Rough Canyon 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
Tom Shelley	75 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 06/15
Tom Shelley	75 Cow/Calf	09/15 – 02/28
Tom Shelley	4 Horses	03/01 – 06/15
Tom Shelley	4 Horses	09/15 – 02/28

Authorized Use:

Permittee	Number & Class of livestock	Dates
Tom Shelley	75 Cow/Calf	03/01/17 – 06/15
Tom Shelley	65 Cow/Calf	09/15 – 12/31
Tom Shelley	75 Cow/Calf	01/01 – 02/28/18

Pasture Rotations:

Class of Livestock	Rotation Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 06/15	Indian Canyon
Cow/Calf	09/15 – 02/28	Indian Canyon

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.

- You plan to reconstruct the boundary fence between your private land and Jerry Woodrow's allotment. Completed 2018
- Rebuild a mile of fence # 8018, which is the Davis Canyon/Rough Canyon Boundary, and another mile of Fence #8036, which is between 916 Ranch and Rough Canyon. USFS will check for clearances. Permittee will work with neighbors on fence.

IV. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

You indicated that you may be in favor of managed wildfire on your allotment. Your concerns will be considered 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. If water becomes limiting and changes are needed in your scheduled rotation plan, please contact Kendall Brown.

VI. MODIFICATIONS

If allowable use is exceeded on 30% or more of the riparian reach within the pasture in two years out of five, the stocking rate and management plan will be adjusted to prevent overuse of the riparian reach.

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 instructions provided in this AOI, or other instructions of a Forest Officer may lead to adverse action against your Term Grazing Permit (Part 1, Section 3 of your Term Grazing Permit).