

2020 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District
Gila National Forest

Dry Creek Allotment #407

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District Ranger

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I. INTRODUCTION

Kendall Brown (Forest Service) met with Tommy Humphreville (permittee) & Jerry Jump (Manager) on January 28, 2020 to discuss management of the Dry Creek 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
Thomas Humphreville	275 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28
Thomas Humphreville	5 Horses	03/01 – 02/28

Authorized Use:

Permittee	Number & Class of livestock	Dates
Thomas Humphreville	229 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28
Thomas Humphreville	3 horses	03/01 – 08/30

Pasture Rotations:

Class of Livestock	Rotation Date	Pasture
Cattle	03/01 – 05/15	Big Dry
Cattle	05/15 – 07/15	Sundial & Cedar Breaks
Cattle	07/15 – 08/30	Estes, Steer
Cattle	09/01 – 10/30	Roadstrip
Cattle	11/01 – 02/28	Big Dry
Horses	03/01 – 08/30	Cedar Breaks

***Heifers(15) will be in Sandrock until 11/01 – 02/28 when they will be moved to Sundial/Cedar Breaks.**

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.

The permittee has requested permission to clear tanks and lead ditches. Rubber tired equipment and existing roads for access will be used to complete maintenance on the tanks discussed.

Range improvements planned to be replaced/reconstructed in 2020:

Clean Hill, Norris, Sundial, and Road-strip. Repair overflow Cub tank. Will need to get clearance for route in to Hill Tank.

Reconstruct Haney Corral #209. COMPLETED 2019

Reconstruct a mile of #201 fence.

Wants to extend pipeline from North Goat Tank (235OE) north east up the ridge a quarter mile with a drinker.

Would like to put a tank and drinker about a mile south of End of the Road Corral in section 31. COMPLETED 2019.

Would like to put a tank, pipeline, and drinker about a 2 miles west of Leopold Vista in section 12. COMPLETED 2019.

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.

X. 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.