

Glenwood Ranger District

Gila National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2020

Pine Cienega #415

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District Ranger

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I. INTRODUCTION

Kendall Brown (Forest Service) met with JC & Dalli Nelson (permittees) on January 14, 2020 to discuss management of the Pine Cienega 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 and class of livestock	Dates
150 Cattle-Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28

Pine Cienega Allotment Annual Authorization

Number and class of livestock	Dates
146 Cattle-Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28
4 Horses-Saddle	03/01 – 02/28

Pine Cienega Allotment Pasture Rotation

Kind & Class of Livestock	Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 05/15	Big
Cow/Calf	05/15 – 08/15	Steer
Cow/Calf	08/16 – 02/28	Big
Holding & Horses	03/01 – 02/28	Camel

Grazing System:

- Big & Steer pastures will have livestock use deferred by denying access to water in one portion of the pasture during monsoon season (07/15-09/30). The following year the tanks that were open to livestock will be closed from 07/15 to 09/30; therefore, a portion of the pasture is deferred from July through October every other year.
- Camel to be used for holding/horses. Livestock can remain in pasture until allowable use is met.

The above schedule for stocking the allotment depends upon the availability of forage and water. Some flexibility in the tanks to be closed may 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 closure schedule notify the District Ranger of the proposed change and the reason for the change.

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.

- In 2020 permittee is wanting to clean Round Mountain Tank 902 and Juniper Tank 516. These tanks have archeological clearance.
- Fence 073 has had ½ a mile rebuilt between Pine Cienega and private and Apache Creek. JC Nelson will finish the last ¾ of a mile in 2020.

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

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

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).