

Glenwood Ranger District

Gila National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2020

Pueblo Creek Allotment #310

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District Ranger

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I. INTRODUCTION

Kendall Brown (Forest Service) met with Jerry Jump (permittee) on January 28, 2020 to discuss management of the Pueblo 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.

Authorized Livestock Numbers

Allotment	Number and class of livestock	Dates
Pueblo Creek	280 cattle (cow/calf herd)	03/01 – 02/28
	7 horses	03/01 – 02/28

Pueblo Creek Allotment Pasture Rotation Schedule

Class of Livestock	Dates	Pasture
Cow/calf	03/01 – 04/30	Indian Hill (120 head)
Cow/calf	05/01 – 10/30	Bear Canyon (120 head)
	11/01 – 02/28	Indian Hill (120 head)
Cow/calf	03/01 – 04/30	Chimney Rock/Blackbull (160 head)
Cow/calf	05/01 – 07/30	Hinkle Park/Johnson (160 head)
Cow/calf	08/01 – 10/30	Cottonwood (160 head)
Cow/calf	11/01 – 02/28	Chimney Rock/Blackbull (160 head)
Cow/calf	03/01 – 02/28	Pueblo (use for holding, working)
Horses	03/01 – 02/28	Indian Hill/Home/Spurgeon*

*Horses can remain in pasture until allowable use is reached. Once allowable use is reached horses will be moved to another pasture or off the allotment as appropriate.

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

The permittee is responsible for monitoring water availability and forage utilization. It is the permittee's responsibility to move livestock when sufficient water is no longer available or when proper forage utilization is achieved in a pasture. The permittee is responsible for keeping track of and maintaining control of your livestock. In the event that livestock are found to be out of the scheduled pasture, it will be required to find, gather, and return animals to the proper pasture as soon as possible.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

The following are priorities for completion this year (2020):

- West Pueblo Cabin repair
- Reconstruct/heavy maintenance fence #5080 (division fence between Blackbull, Chimney Rock, Cottonwood pastures) – COMPLETED 2019
- Maintain access road to Gut Ache Corral #3471 and repair corral – COMPLETED 2019
- Rebuild/maintain Gray Bull corral (5094)
- Rebuild fence 5081 from West Pueblo to AZ/NM stateline
- Rebuild fence 5078 from fence 3191 west to 5196 fence.

IV. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

You expressed concern over the ability of single pastures (namely Johnson canyon, Hinkle Park, and Cottonwood) to carry full permitted numbers due to lack of available water. You believe that forage is not a limiting factor, but a numbers of water points and amount at each point may not be adequate for full permitted numbers to be restricted to single pasture use. As you continue to reconstruct and maintain structural improvements, and therefore have the ability to increase your herd to permitted numbers, we will explore options of using more than one pasture at a time.

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.