

2020 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District
Gila National Forest

Whiterocks Allotment #401

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I. INTRODUCTION

Kendall Brown (Forest Service) met with Alan Tackman (permittee) on January 17, 2020 to discuss management of the Whiterocks 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
Deep Creek Ranch, Inc (Alan Tackman)	45 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28

Authorized Use:

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Pasture Rotations:

Class of Livestock	Rotation Date	Allotment	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 06/30	Whiterocks	Lower/Middle/Upper
Cow/Calf	07/01 – 08/15	Whiterocks	Upper
Cow/Calf	08/15 – 09/15	Whiterocks	Middle
Cow/Calf	09/15 – 02/28	Whiterocks	Lower/Middle/Upper

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 would like to maintain the following earthen tanks this year: Pasture Tank (Bull Pasture), Whiterocks Tank (Upper Pasture). If weather conditions allow (tanks need to be dry) you plan on cleaning/maintaining these tanks in 2020.

The Forest Service has water right and will apply to Indian Hill well. We will investigate opportunities to redrill/repair the well. Once we have reliable water in this area, we will work together to design additional pipelines to water the Lower & Middle pastures. INDIAN HILL WELL REBUILT/RECONSTRUCTED IN 2019.

The forest Service will look into Surveying the boundary between the River Pasture and Klumker's Private with the purpose of building a fence between.

VI. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

You indicated that you are in favor of managed wildfire on your allotment as long your cattle and management are taken into account. Your concerns will be considered when/if a wildfire occurs and management decisions are being made. Necessary changes to this AOI to accommodate fire management will be made at that time.

Permittee uses orange ear-tags in the right ear.

The permittee Alan Tackman identified an issue with land ownership on the Whiterocks Allotment near the San Francisco River at the lower end of the Lower Pasture. Issues are: the need to ascertain the PVT-Forest boundary in this location, whether the corrals in this area is on forest or private land, and whether the irrigation ditch is on forest land and whether a Special Use Permit exist, if so. Also need to determine if a portion of the river in this area is on forest land.

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 instructions 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).