ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2020 Grazing Season

(3/01/2020-2/28/2021)

Reserve Ranger District

Gila National Forest

Henley Allotment

Agreed To By: Myrna Christensen Date: 3/9/2020

Myrna Christensen , *Permittee*

Approved By: John D. Pierson Date: 3/16/2020

John D. Pierson, *District Ranger*

2020 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) Amendment

Allotment: Henley
Permittees: Myrna Christensen
Permit Numbers: 61521

Permitted Use:

Permittee	Numbers	Type	Season
Myrna Christensen	17 Cow/Calf	Term	3/01-2/28

1. **Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2020:

Permittee	Numbers	Type	Season
Myrna Christensen	17 Cow/Calf	Term	3/01-2/28

Counting Livestock: The standard for counting livestock on an allotment is as follows:

a. All cattle six (6) months of age or older **at the time of entering** the National Forest **and all weaned** animals regardless of age will be counted against the permitted numbers on the allotment and charged for at the current rate.

Nonuse: Application for credit or refund must be made in "**writing**" and "**in advance**" by the permittee to the District Ranger using Form FS-2200-1 (Refund, Credit or Transfer Application). When it is not possible to be timely in getting to the Ranger District Office, the permittee may phone in a request for refund or credit. The permittee will then complete Form FS-2200-1 (Refund, Credit, or Transfer Application) at the next visit to the Reserve Ranger District Office. **Note**: Credit or refund applications will not be processed unless value is $100.00 or more and District personnel have been notified either in advance or at the time livestock are removed from NFS Lands.

Bovine Trichinosis: If bulls owned by either permittee are scheduled to be co-mingled with cattle owned by the other community allotment permittee, current Bovine Trichinosis test results will be provided to the Reserve Ranger District for our records prior to placement on the allotment.

Virgin bulls not exposed to breeding are exempt from testing if under 12 months of age. As of 2/26/10, bulls 12 months of age and older are required to have a negative trich test within 30 days prior to entry. **A signed affidavit from the owner for the virgin status of bulls 12 TO 24 months of age is no longer applicable.** Non-virgin Breeding age Bulls must be tested negative prior to import into New Mexico. Non-virgin Breeding age Bulls sold within the state of New Mexico must be tested within 30 days prior to change of ownership. Pease contact the New Mexico Livestock Board for more details.

2. **Management:** Henley 2020 Pasture Rotation

Pasture	Permittee/Cattle Number	Time Frame
Largo	Up to 17 head	3/01-4/30/2020
Barreras Trap/Henley	Up to 17 head	5/01-7/15/2020
Largo Trap	Up to 17 head	7/16-7/31/2020
Largo	Up to 17 head	8/01-2/28/2020

Please notify the Reserve Ranger District prior to cattle movements onto and off of the allotment, as well as refinements that may be needed to enhance the management system. If you identify the need to differ from this management system by more than 15 days, please contact this office at least two weeks in advance so the District has time to conduct monitoring and assess your request.

3. **Utilization Standards and Monitoring:**
The maximum allowable use level set for the Black Bob Allotment is **35%.** Monitoring will be conducted within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture. If utilization levels within portions of a scheduled pasture approach allowable use, you are required to move livestock into areas not approaching allowable use. If cattle cannot be effectively managed away from areas within the pasture that have met allowable use or if utilization objectives are met throughout the pasture prior to scheduled rotation, contact District Personnel. Cattle will be moved into the next available pasture within the annual rotation. In the event that forage utilization objectives are met in all available pastures, livestock will be removed from the allotment. Management adjustments will be made to the following years Annual Operating Instructions to avoid recurring situations. The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged and invited to participate in monitoring with District personnel and/or on your own. Additional days will be scheduled to count cattle on and off the allotment and to inspect pasture fences as needed.

Pasture	Monitoring date
Largo	5/01/2020
Barerras Trap	8/01/2020
Henley	8/01/2020

4. **Forage Growth and Water Availability:**
Per Part 2, Section 8(c) of your Term Grazing Permit; if forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2019 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary.

5. **Salt and Supplement Policy**:
Supplemental feeding of livestock is allowed (to strategically manage livestock distribution and forage use) as follows:
   a) Locate supplement sites 0.25 mile or more from waters and key areas except where prior written permission has been obtained from District Ranger.
   b) Place supplement sites where forage is abundant and and current grazing use levels are low. Supplements should be rotated during livestock grazing season to prevent concentration of livestock.

c) Limit supplement types to salt, protein, and mineral blocks to reduce risk of spreading noxious weeds and to reduce the risk of creating areas of concentrated livestock use.

d) Is there is a need to use energy supplements such as grain, hay, surplus milk products, enthanol production by-products or molasses based products; a supplemental plan will need to be developed and approved by the District Ranger prior to placing these energy tyre supplements on National Forest lands.

6. **Range Improvements:**

All assigned range developments identified in your Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a functional status. Fences must be maintained to ensure cattle remain in the correct pasture and are not allowed to access the San Francisco River riparian corridor.

Advance planning is needed for any range improvement reconstruction or replacement, including fences and water systems to evaluate the need for any additional surveys. General maintenance/repair is excluded. Advance planning is also needed for authorized stock tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled accordingly. Please contact the district in advance if you are proposing any of this type of work.

Please protect natural springs and areas with riparian type vegetation. Drainage bottoms, creeks, springs, and cienegas, where water is available, are most susceptible to livestock concentrations.

The following range improvements were identified as areas of focus for this grazing season:

Fences: Please contact district personnel to inquire about the availability of materials and for a permit modification.

1. Construct new allotment boundary fence #602005 with Henley Allotment per the 12/10/2019 Decision Notice
2. Construct new trap and corral in norther end of Largo Pasture per 12/10/2019 Decision Notice.

Water Sources:

3. Complete Sawmill water system #006307PL expansion in Largo and Barerras Pastures per the 12/10/2019 Decision Notice

7. **The Annual Operating Instructions** are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, Section 8. It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the 12/10/2019 Henley Decision Notice and in the 12/18/2019 Henley Allotment Management Plan and the Gila National Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the Black Bob allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.