

Legal Notice of Decision  
Rain Creek/74 Mountain Allotment  
Glenwood Ranger District  
Catron County

On September 30, 2008, Pat Morrison, District Ranger, Glenwood Ranger District, signed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Rain Creek/74 Mountain Allotment livestock grazing. The selected alternative includes authorizing livestock grazing through issuance of appropriate permits and associated allotment management plan that permits stocking up to 2,290 Animal Months (AMs) (cattle, cow/calf, pairs or equivalent use by other kind or class of livestock) for up to 8.5 months per year (August 15 through April 30) with partial summer growing season deferment occurring each year. The alternative provides for limited livestock use in riparian areas, , authorizes conservative utilization of upland vegetation within a schedule for pasture use that provides for growing season rest or deferment annually. Design features are included to protect threatened and endangered species and cultural resources. The Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact are available at the Glenwood Ranger District, P. O. Box 8, Glenwood, NM, 88039, and the Gila National Forest Supervisor's Office, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, NM, 88061.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to regulations at 36 CFR 215. Individuals or organizations who provided comment or otherwise expressed interest in the proposed action during the comment period may appeal. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of the comment period do not have standing for appeal purposes. The appeal must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Appeal Deciding Officer. Submit appeals to: Appeal Deciding Officer, Richard Markley, Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, NM, 88061, FAX: 575/388-8222. If hand delivered, the appeal must be received at the above address during business hours (Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm), excluding holidays. Electronic appeals may be submitted to: [appeals-southwestern-gila@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-southwestern-gila@fs.fed.us) (.doc, .rtf, or .txt formats only). The appeal must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. Names and addresses of appellants will become part of the public record. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic appeals.

Appeals, including attachments, must be in writing, fully consistent with 36 CFR 215.14, and filed (postmarked) within 45 days following the date this notice is published in the Silver City Daily Press. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15<sup>th</sup> business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

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