ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2011

Black Range Ranger District
Gila National Forest

Corduroy Allotment #226

Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____
Permittee

Approved By: */s/ Larry D. Cosper* Date: 03/22/2011
Larry Cosper, *District Ranger*

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Permitted Use:

Permittee	Numbers	Type	Season
Jack and Carolyn Diamond	1,134 yearling cattle 10 Horses	Term	04/15-10/15

Authorized Use for 2011:

Permittee	Brand(s)	Numbers & Season
Jack and Carolyn Diamond	⊢ ⟋ EW LHC LRC	*1134 yearlings* *04/15/2011-10/15/2011* *10 Horses* *03/01-02/28*

Counting Livestock: The standard for counting livestock on "**seasonal *use***" *allotments 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. When this happens, the District will document the phone call and send a copy to the SO Resource Clerk, with their recommendations noted. The permittee will then complete Form FS-2200-1 (Refund, Credit, or Transfer Application) at the next visit to the Ranger District Office. **Note**: credit/refund applications will not be processed unless District personnel have been notified either in advance or at the time of removal of livestock.

Pasture Rotations:

Pasture	Number	On Date	Off Date	Days
Taylor	100	04/15	06/30	77
Inman-Cox	200	04/15	06/30	77
Inman-Cox	300	07/01	08/15	46
Burnt Cabin	300	08/16	10/15	61
Black Mountain&Bull		RESTED		
V+T	100	04/15	06/30	77
Indian	100	07/01	10/15	107
Indian and Spring	400	04/15	10/15	184
Black Mountain & Bull		RESTED		
South Pasture	9	03/25	10/15	205

This pasture rotation schedule will depend on range readiness, available water, weather conditions and permittee needs. Changes to the grazing rotation must be approved by the Forest Officer in advance. An "**amended**" AOI must be developed to reflect the approved changes.

The off-date for a pasture is the date when the livestock are to be fully out of the unit, or in the case of the last pasture, fully off of National Forest System lands. We recognize that moves cannot usually be accomplished in one day. It is your responsibility to begin early movement of livestock to ensure that pastures are clean by the dates specified.

Please return the enclosed "**Actual Use Worksheet 2011**" document to the Black Range Office immediately after your off-date and no later than **January 5**.

Range Improvements: Range improvements are planned for the V+T Allotment during the 2011 grazing season.

Prescribed Fire Projects

- Burn Unit 20 of Area 74 – South Pasture

EQIP Projects

- Stiver Well - Solar Pump and 5000 gallon storage tank
- Extend Scales Pipeline and Drinker and Storage – 5000 gallon storage needed.
- Various Fence Replacement

Other Planned Improvements:

- Juniper Removal on Black Mtn Mesa

- East Boundary Fence– Scales Canyon – Inman Pasture 0.75 miles
- Cut Trees off fence wolf hollow to Black Mtn – Partially Completed in 2009 needs to finished.
- Continued maintenance of water developments, windmills, and corrals as needed to successfully facilitate the grazing operation.

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit are to be maintained in functioning condition. In the event these improvements cannot be brought up to a functioning condition, you should notify this office so we can schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available. You may apply for a "**Free Use**" post and stay permit for the maintenance of fences and corrals on the allotment. Maintenance to standard is required even if you have taken **"nonuse".**

Allowable Use: (*Standards by Pasture and Key Area*)

Pasture	Key Area	Key Species	Upland Allowable Use	Riparian Allowable Use
All	*Grassland Openings*	Bluegrass & native bunchgrass	30-40%	
All	*Riparian Areas*	Woody riparian species		Not to exceed 25%
All	*During "growing season"*	All riparian grass & sedge		35%
All	*During "dormant season"*	All riparian grass & sedge		40%

If allowable use is reached on any key area prior to the scheduled off date, you will need to immediately move your livestock to the next unit or off National Forest if that unit is the last in the rotation. This will usually necessitate beginning the move one or more days prior to reaching allowable use or the scheduled off date.

Monitoring: The range personnel will conduct allotment inspections each year to ensure compliance with the terms and condition addressed in the Term Grazing Permit, including the Allotment Management Plan and Annual Operating Instructions. The permittee may also schedule inspections at any time.

Pasture	Monitoring Date	Key Areas
Black Mountain		South Ridge of Bell Canyon
Indian		Indian Cieniga, and the confluence of V+T and Doagy Canyons.
Burnt Cabin		Burnt Cabin Flat
Inman		Vicinity of the junction of FDR's 226 & 226A.

Pasture	Monitoring Date	Key Areas
Cox		Halfway between Inman Cieniga and Alexander Tank.
Taylor		Taylor Canyon (riparian) • Uplands between Alexander Canyon and Shallow 7 Keith Tanks

Key areas for monitoring are identified as riparian areas and transect cluster locations. Additional key areas may be identified during the season based on routine monitoring.

The idea of a key area is to find a site that is representative of a larger area in which cattle obtain the majority of their required forage resources. Key area monitoring will avoid areas directly adjacent to permanent water sources, cattle trails, roads, and fence lines.

Upland areas will be monitored for use on perennial grass species.

District personnel will contact the permittee to coordinate site visits to monitor key areas. Permittee participation is encouraged. Forage utilization estimates will be consistent with the Forest Service Range Analysis Handbook methodology, an may also include FS Regional stubble-height standards, as well as other techniques generally accepted in the field of range management.

Salting: Salt should be placed in such a way as to distribute livestock use throughout the area. Place salt well away (>¼ mile) from any water sources, or key areas that traditionally receive heavy use such as roads, parks, and riparian areas. Place salt in areas of light use to draw cattle to those areas such as oak thickets or under the aspen, spruce or pine. Salt locations must be moved every year and do not place more than one block in a location. The best distribution can be obtained by scattering one-half block chunks in areas of light use. Salt or supplement will not be placed near areas where such placement is liable to result in conflicts with other Forest users. Pick-up your salt after livestock are rotated to the next pasture.

Supplemental Feed: Any hay, straw, or supplemental feed used in association with your grazing permit must be certified and tagged as free of noxious weeds and/or noxious weed seeds.

Other Resources:

Wildlife and Fish:

There is documentation that identify protected and restricted Mexican Spotted Owl habitat on the V+T Allotment, however there are no restrictions regarding this species on the livestock management.

Stock tanks must be surveyed for possible aquatic habitat before earth-disturbing maintenance is authorized.

An analysis was completed for all Gila allotments due to the listing of the Chiricauhua leopard frog as a threatened species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We have determined that livestock grazing on the V+T Allotment will either have a may affect but not adversely affect the Chiricahua leopard frog. As a result of this determination, there may be some changes required of the grazing rotation. We need to discuss the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service consultation that will need to be submitted this year.

The Forest Service will be directly engaged in communication and assistance in the Blue Range Wolf Reintroduction effort. Any management actions that may require movement of cattle, changes in rotation, season of use or removal from a pasture or allotment must be approved by the District Ranger. We encourage you to cooperate with the Interagency Field Team, New Mexico Game and Fish and U.S. Fish and Wildlife in management of the wolves. Please stay in communication with range personnel or the District Ranger if concerns or question arise.

Heritage and Cultural

You must obtain permission from this office, before conducting earth- disturbing activities on the National Forest. The Forest Service will arrange inspections of project areas and will prepare appropriate environmental and cultural documents before earth-disturbing activities proceed. These activities include road/earthen tank maintenance, as well as construction/reconstruction of trails, roads, earthen tanks, etc. Do not conduct any earth-disturbing activities on the Forest without written clearance from this office.

NEPA and Appeal Rights:

These Instructions implement the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) decision for the V+T Allotment dated 12/31/1999, and are not eligible for appeal under 36 CFR 251.

Actual Use Worksheet 2011

Shaded rows and columns are auto calculated. Do not input data in them

Allotment: Corduroy
Permittee: Jack and Carolyn Diamond

Permitted Numbers (Grazing Permit)				Authorized Numbers (Bill for Collection)				Nonuse		
No.	**Kind**	**Class**	**Dates**	**No.**	**Kind**	**Class**	**Dates**	**No.**	**Dates**	**HMs**
1134	cattle	yearling			cattle	cow/calf				
10	horses	saddle								

		Female				Male						
		Calves	***1 Year***	***Cows***	***# Counters***	***Calves***	***1Year***	***2 Year***	***Bulls***	***# Counters***	***Total Counters***	***All Cattle***
No.Grazed in 200X					0					0	0	0
Purchased or added 200X					0					0	0	0
Excess on Range					0					0	0	0
Branded on Range					0					0	0	0
Branding Miss					0					0	0	0
Totals		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Sold/Removed to Priv.					0					0	0	0
Butchered					0					0	0	0
Predation Loss					0					0	0	0
Losses...Poison					0					0	0	0
Loss Other:_____					0					0	0	0
Total Decrease		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	**0**
Remainder on Range		0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	**0**	**0**	**0**
Present Class					**0**					**0**	**0**	0
Long-age calves (>6mo.)		0		Will remove		prior to 1/1	0	Will be counted on 1/1				**On 1/1**
Short-age calves (<6mo.)		0		Will remove		prior to 4/1	0	Will be counted on 4/1				**0**
												0n 4/01
												0

Cattle							HEAD MONTHS		
Date	No. On	No. Off	Total	Authorize	Excess	No.Days	Authorized	Actual	
									Difference between Authorized and Actual
				Total:	0		0	0	0

Horses							HEAD MONTHS	
Date	No. On	No. Off	Total	Authorize	Excess	No.Days	Authorized	Actual
			0					

General Comments and Remarks:

Prepared By: _____ *Forest Officer*

Verified By: _____ *Permittee*

_____ *Date*