

**APPENDIX A  
GILA NATIONAL FOREST  
OUTFITTER/GUIDE OPERATING PLAN**

Operation authorized by Special Use Permit for the period beginning \_\_\_\_\_ and ending \_\_\_\_\_. Operating Plan and Safety Plan conditions are considered a part of the permit and will be monitored for permit compliance. Operating Plan to be attached to and made a part of permit. **A copy of this permit will be carried by the guide at all times when operating on National Forest System Lands.**

Permittee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Forest Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plan Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS INFORMATION**

**A. Name of Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

New Mexico Gross Receipt Tax No.: \_\_\_\_\_ New Mexico Outfitting Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach copy of card)

**B. Names of Guides to be Used:**  
(Attach additional page if needed for more names and vehicles)

**Vehicles to be Used:**  
(Make, model, color, plate number and state)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
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**C. Services Offered:** (Attach brochures or other information about services if available.)  
(Attach additional page if needed for more types of services offered)

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Service Rate</u>	<u>Planned Use (Total Est. Days)</u>	<u>Use Period (Dates)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**D. Grazing Use Proposed:**

Type and number of stock

Where and When

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**E. Fee Calculation Selection:** (circle choice A or B below)

A. Adjusted Service Day Charge

B. 3% Annual Adjusted Gross Revenue

**SAFETY PLAN**

**A. Qualifications of Guides, Leaders, or Instructors.** (Knowledge of area, first aid training, outdoor survival skills, horsemanship and other applicable skills).

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**B. Equipment and livestock information.** (Type and condition, safety equipment subject to inspection.)

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**C. Emergency procedures.** (Steps for care and evacuation of seriously injured persons.)

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**D. Client Health and Safety.** (During field operations and in camp: sanitation, food preparation and storage, water treatment, toilet facilities, refuse disposal, etc.)

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## OPERATING AND SAFETY PLAN CONDITIONS

### A. Emergency Notification Procedures

Request for medical evacuation, search and rescue or law enforcement assistance should be made from the permit administrator, the New Mexico State Police, or the County Sheriff. The Forest Service does not authorize evacuation or search and rescue, but will take appropriate steps to facilitate action. Forest Service contact should be made through the appropriate Ranger District headquarters or Fire Dispatcher, Gila National Forest.

All accidents, injuries or illnesses, other than those requiring minor first aid treatment, will be reported to the permit administering Ranger District within 24 hours of the incident.

### CONTACTS

Black Range Ranger District  
Truth or Consequences, NM (Sierra County)  
Phone: (575) 894-6677

Catron County Sheriff  
Reserve, NM  
Phone: (575) 533-6222  
In an Emergency – Dial 911

Quemado Ranger District  
Quemado, NM (Catron County)  
Phone: (575) 773-4678

Grant County Sheriff  
Silver City, NM  
Phone: (575) 574-0100  
In an Emergency – Dial 911

Glenwood Ranger District  
Glenwood, NM (Catron County)  
Phone: (575) 539-2481/2484

Sierra County Sheriff  
Truth or Consequences, NM  
Phone: (575) 894-9150  
In an Emergency – Dial 911

Reserve Ranger District  
Reserve, NM (Catron County)  
Phone: (575) 533-6232

Catron, Grant, or Sierra County Ambulance Service  
Phone: Dial 911 for Ambulance Service

Silver City Ranger District  
Silver City, NM (Grant County)  
Phone: (575) 388-8201

New Mexico State Police  
24 Hours Phone: (575) 382-2500

Wilderness Ranger District  
Mimbres, NM (Grant County)  
Phone: (575) 536-2250/9611

Gila National Forest Dispatch  
Silver City, NM  
Phone: (575) 538-5371/5372

### New Mexico Department of Game & Fish Contacts

Headquarters: 505-476-8062  
Las Cruces Office (Southwest Area): 575/532-2100  
Southwest Capt.: 575/520-3327  
Operation Game & Theft: 800-432-4263

## Hunting Units and District Boundaries

The following table indicates which hunting units are situated on each Gila National Forest Ranger District:

DISTRICT NAME	HUNTING UNIT
BLACK RANGE	16A, 16C, 16E, and 21A
QUEMADO	15 and 23
GLENWOOD	16A, 16B, 22, and 23
WILDERNESS	16A, 16B, 16C, 22 and 24
RESERVE	15, 16A, 16D, and 23
SILVER CITY	22, 23, and 24

### B. Operator Camps

Caches, permanent camps and/or improvements shall not be allowed in the Gila, Aldo Leopold, or Blue Wildernesses without prior approval from the permit Administrator.

Specific campsites will be identified and submitted with the trip itinerary.

### C. General Operating Conditions

1. Maximum group size in Wilderness shall be limited to 25 persons (inclusive of permittees, any employees of permittees, and guests or clients) and 35 head of pack and saddle stock (combined).
2. Permittees are responsible for informing guests or clients of any potential hazards prior to starting a trip.
3. Any person(s) responsible for guiding trips and/or instructing guests or clients shall be familiar with the area, and be competent and experienced in conducting safe trips and activities.
4. Permittees and employees shall have a first aid kit available at campsites and on all trips.
5. All equipment shall be in good condition and fully functional.
6. Non-system trails will not be repeatedly used, cleared, or created. Authorization to use or maintain existing nonsystem trails must be obtained from the appropriate District Ranger.
7. All gates encountered along trails will be closed unless otherwise posted.
8. Shortcutting trails and switchbacks is prohibited.
9. Leave No Trace principles will be incorporated into all operations. (Information on these operational techniques is available through the permitting Ranger Station.)
10. Violation(s) of New Mexico State game laws while operating under this permit shall be cause for permit termination.
11. Permittees and their employees shall familiarize themselves with the camping and smoking restrictions in effect, inform members of their party of such restrictions, and will be responsible for compliance with such restrictions while within the National Forest.
12. The normal notification procedure will be through use of a Trip Plan. Notification shall be a minimum of 48 hours prior to entering the District.

#### **D. Livestock Operations**

1. No loose herding of pack stock shall be allowed on Forest development trails.
2. Manure piles shall be scattered.
3. Certified weed free hay is to be used.
4. Temporary electric fence corrals are authorized for control of livestock. Such corrals will be located away from trails and water, and the electric fence and all hardware will be removed after each use.
5. Upon the death of any stock used in this operation within National Forest boundaries, the permittee shall locate the carcass at least 100 feet from water and a minimum of 300 feet from any trail. Notification of the death will be made to the permit administering Ranger District.
6. Only riding or pack stock actually used for a particular operation shall be permitted.

#### **E. Camp Operations**

1. A camp may remain in any one location for up to 14 days provided that guests are present. However, if such use is causing site degradation, it will be moved sooner; greater number of individuals/tents and the presence of stock will mean heavier impact and a shorter stay per camp site. Camps and equipment shall be removed within five (5) days after use unless approved in advance by the appropriate District Ranger.
2. The boughs or branches from live trees may not be utilized for camp or other use. Use of dead native material for camp accessories such as hitch and game hanging rails and tent frames shall be permitted. When camps are dismantled, native materials shall be scattered or placed so they blend into the natural setting. Campsites will be restored to as natural a condition as possible.
3. All camps will be kept in clean and orderly condition.
4. Temporary pit toilets are recommended at camps with five (5) or more people that are occupied longer than one day. Toilets shall be located out of flood plains and at least 100 feet from live water. Pits shall be of sufficient depth to permit covering within at least one foot of soil to ground level after use.
5. Camps shall be located a minimum of 100 feet from streams; 300 feet from springs; 300 yards from isolated water sources, and 100 feet from system trails where topography allows.

#### **F. Other Conditions:**

1. No climbing gear such as pitons, chocks, or other such aids will be permanently fixed to climbing sites, nor will sites be modified for climbing.
2. If an animal is killed and processed on National Forest lands, the following provisions apply: the remains of processed animals may be left at the kill site. Remains of processed animals will not remain at campsites, but, will be removed and properly disposed of by the permittee.
3. Other:

## **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SPECIFIC DISTRICTS**

### **BLACK RANGE DISTRICT - D2**

1. Grazing of livestock is permitted in the following areas only: south of State Highway 59 and west of the Continental Divide, within the Black Range District boundary; south of the North Fork of Palomas Creek, east of the Continental Divide, north of Ladrone Creek and Mud Spring, and west of the Forest boundary.
2. Livestock must be picketed, hobbled, high lined, or held in temporary corrals. Use of existing corrals is prohibited without prior written permission of the grazing permittee responsible for its maintenance (District contact persons can provide this information).
3. Within the grazing permitted areas identified in item #1 above, livestock may not be grazed, corralled, picketed, or held: in all wet meadows, cienegas, and dry lake beds; in all riparian areas (bottoms); within 300 yards of all springs, seeps, stock waters, and watershed structures (regardless of whether or not they are fenced).
4. Camps may not be set up, nor vehicles parked, within 300 yards of any live water (including springs, dirt and metal tanks and other isolated water sources), historic cabins or ruins, or other cultural properties.
5. If an animal is killed on National Forest lands and processing occurs on private lands or other lands, the following provision applies: the remains of processed animals will not be returned to National Forest lands.

### **QUEMADO RANGER DISTRICT - D3**

1. Grazing of livestock is not authorized except by prior written approval, decided on a case-by-case basis. Requests to graze livestock must specify areas to be used.
2. Without prior approval, livestock will be high lined and fed processed feed.
3. Livestock feeding is prohibited in the following areas: within all wet meadows, cienegas, and "dry" lake beds; within all riparian areas (bottoms); within 300 yards of all springs, seeps, stock waters, and watershed structures (regardless of whether fenced or not).
4. Use of existing corrals is prohibited without prior written permission of the grazing permittee responsible for its maintenance (District contact persons can provide this information).
5. No overnight camps within the Quemado Lake Recreational Area, Armijo Springs, Valle Tio Vinces, Head of the Ditch campgrounds, or within Jewett, Largo, Mangas, El Caso and Fox Mountain Administrative Sites.
6. Camps may not be set up, nor vehicles parked, within 300 yards of any live water.
7. If an animal is killed on National Forest lands and processing occurs on private lands or other lands, the following provision applies: the remains of processed animals will not be returned to National Forest lands.

### **GLENWOOD RANGER DISTRICT - D4**

1. Camps are prohibited from the areas of: Tennessee Meadow, Spruce Cr. Saddle, Hummingbird Saddle, Simmons Saddle, Pueblo Park Campground, Apache Cabin, and the Pilgrim Grounds (confluence of Spruce and Big Dry Creeks).
2. No grazing of livestock is allowed within the Gila Wilderness West of Forest Development Trail #182 (Crest Trail). Livestock will be fed processed feed.

### **WILDERNESS RANGER DISTRICT - D5**

1. Livestock will be high lined and fed processed feed in the following areas: all wet meadows; Reeds Meadow; Reeds Ranch Meadow; riparian areas of McKnight, South Diamond, Black Canyon/Aspen Canyon, East Fork - Gila River, Beaver Creek, and Taylor Creek; within 1/4 mile of all developed springs, seeps, and stock waters.
2. No livestock will be allowed in the following areas: Brannon Park enclosure to Brannon Park trap; Meason Park enclosure; Mimbres Lake enclosure; South Diamond enclosure; Turkey Cienega enclosure; and Meown Airstrip.

3. Grazing will not be permitted within 1/4 mile of the following areas: Upper Middle Fork Hot Springs; White Creek Cabin; Prior Cabin; Miller Springs Cabin.
4. Camps will not be permitted by commercial ventures at: Jordan Hot Springs, Reed Peak Cabin; McKnight Cabin; McOwn Fire Base Building.

#### **RESERVE RANGER DISTRICT - D6**

1. Grazing of livestock is not authorized except by prior written approval, decided on a case-by-case basis. Requests to graze livestock must specify areas to be used.
2. Without prior approval to graze livestock, Outfitter/Guide stock will be high lined and fed processed feed.
3. Livestock feeding is prohibited in the following areas: all wet meadows and cienegas; riparian areas; within 300 yards of all springs, seeps, stock waters, and watershed structures (regardless of whether fenced or not).
4. Holding of livestock is prohibited in the same areas as specified in 3 above.
5. Use of existing corrals is authorized with prior written permission of the District Ranger.
6. Camps may not be set up within Willow Creek Campground, Gillita Creek Campground, Dipping Vat Campground, Ben Lilly Campground, Negrito Firebase, Negrito Airstrip, Tularosa Wetlands and Campground, Willow Creek Administration Site and within 300 yards of Tularosa Cabin and any established trail head.
7. Camps may not be set up, nor vehicles parked, within 300 yards of any live water.

#### **SILVER CITY RANGER DISTRICT - D7**

1. No camping in the Fort Bayard Watershed Area.
2. Proposed grazing of livestock will be approved on a case-by-case basis after information is provided to the Ranger District about the proposed grazing.
3. Camps may not be set up, nor vehicles parked, within 300 yards of any live water (including springs, dirt and metal tanks and other isolated water sources), historic cabins or ruins, or other cultural properties.
4. If an animal is killed on National Forest lands and processing occurs on private lands or other lands, the following provision applies: the remains of processed animals will not be returned to National Forest lands.