

2024 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District

Gila National Forest

Devils Park Allotment #427

Prepared By: _____

District Range Specialist

Date: _____

Approved By: _____

District Ranger

Date: _____

Annual Operating Instructions

I. INTRODUCTION

Kaitlin Burrows (Forest Service) met with the (Permittee) on Thursday January 18, 2024, to discuss management of the Devil's Park 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

Number and Class of Livestock	Dates
67 Cattle-Cow/Calf (Not to exceed 808 Animal Months)	03/01 – 02/28

Authorized Use:

Number and Class of Livestock	Dates
87 Cattle	03/01 – 03/31
20 Cattle	04/01 – 07/15
87 Cattle	07/15 – 02/28

Pasture Rotation

Livestock Class	Rotation Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 03/31	Frisco
Cow/Calf	04/01 – 07/15	Frisco (20 head; Remaining herd on Private)
Cow/Calf	07/15 – 10/31	Devil's Park
Cow/Calf	11/01 – 2/28	Six-Bar
Cow/Calf	3/01 – 02/28	Horse Pasture (private land and FS pasture) *

*Use for holding/hospital. Can be used throughout the year until utilization levels are met (35%).

- **NOTE:** 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 Range Staff at the Glenwood 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

The permittee is responsible for monitoring water availability and forage utilization and moving livestock when sufficient water is no longer available or when proper forage utilization is achieved in a pasture. The permittee is responsible for keeping track of and maintaining control of livestock. In the event livestock are found to be out of the scheduled pasture, it is required to find, gather, and return those 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. I appreciate your willingness to maintain your improvements.

Priority range developments that we agreed to pursue are:

- Rework road going into Devils Park due to washouts from monsoon moisture. Waiting on archeological clearance.
- Well or Pipeline into Devils Park Pasture at or around corral. Need to follow up on what all is required. Possibly do pipeline through NRCS and work off existing pipeline infrastructure.

IV. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONCERNS

Keep track of conditions on your allotment. Make plans to reduce or remove livestock if vegetative/watershed conditions could be substantially harmed due to continued grazing. Cattle are excluded from the San Francisco River. Please promptly remove any cattle from this area if they get onto the river.

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 direction 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).

Open and positive communications concerning all AOI content is encouraged. Feel free to contact Kendall Brown if you have any questions or concerns.