

2024 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District

Gila National Forest

Pueblo Creek Allotment #310

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Annual Operating Instructions

I. INTRODUCTION

Kaitlin Burrows (Forest Service) met with the (Permittee) on Wednesday January 17, 2024, to discuss management of the Pueblo Creek 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.

Authorized Livestock Numbers

Allotment	Number and class of livestock	Dates
Pueblo Creek	180 cattle (cow/calf herd)	03/01 – 06/30
	225 cattle (cow/calf herd)	07/01 – 02/28

Pueblo Creek Allotment Pasture Rotation Schedule

SOUTH*		
Class of Livestock	Dates	Pasture
Cow/calf	03/01 – 04/30	Indian Hill (60 head)
	05/01 – 06/30	Bear Canyon (60 head)
Cow/calf	07/01 – 10/30	Bear Canyon (105 head)
Cow/calf	11/01 – 02/28	Indian Hill (105 head)
NORTH		
Class of Livestock	Dates	Pasture
Cow/calf	03/01 – 07/30	Chimney Rock/Blackbull (120 head)
Cow/calf	08/01 – 10/30	Cottonwood (120 head)
Cow/calf	11/01 – 02/28	Chimney Rock/Blackbull/Hinkle Park (120 head)
Cow/calf	03/01 – 02/28	Pueblo (use for holding, working)

*The south rotation is in conjunction with Whiterocks Allotment rotation. See Whiterocks AOI.

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. It is the permittee's responsibility to move 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 your livestock. In the event that livestock are found to be out of the scheduled pasture, it will be required to find, gather, and return animals to the

proper pasture as soon as possible.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

- NRCS Project: focus on wildlife escape ramps, built and installed on troughs.
- 2 miles of fence in Black Bull pasture on the NE corner/bordering Leggits.
- Fenceline in Johnson Canyon needs repaired due to fire. Work with Quemado on fence materials.

IV. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

You expressed concern over the ability of single pastures (namely Johnson canyon, Hinkle Park, and Cottonwood) to carry full permitted numbers due to lack of available water. You believe that forage is not a limiting factor, but a numbers of water points and amount at each point may not be adequate for full permitted numbers to be restricted to single pasture use. The use of a split-herd rotation will continue to be utilized.

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.