

2023 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District

Gila National Forest

Harve Gulch Allotment #409

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I. INTRODUCTION

Kaitlin Burrows (Forest Service) met with Joe Faust (Permittee) on January 26th, 2023, to discuss management of the Harve Gulch 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
106 Cattle-cow/calf	03/01 – 02/28

Harve Gulch Allotment Annual Authorization

Number and Class of livestock	Dates Authorized
90 Cattle-cow/calf	03/01 – 02/28

Harve Gulch Allotment Pasture Rotation

Class of Livestock	Rotation Date	Pasture
Cow/calf	03/01 – 04/01	Lower Houston
Cow/calf	04/1 – 05/15	Upper Bursum/Mineral Creek
Cow/calf	05/16 – 07/01	East Harve Gulch
Cow/calf	07/01 – 10/01	West Harve Gulch
Cow/calf	10/01 – 11/01	West Harve Gulch (45)/ Bighorn (45)
Cow/calf	11/01 – 11/30	East Harve Gulch (45)/ Schoolhouse (45)
Cow/calf	12/01 – 02/28	Carcass (45)/ Upper Houston (45)

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 should be maintained in a 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.

Priority projects for 2022:

- Windy point to Slaughterhouse fence re-build. NRCS-EQUIP project.
- Reconstruct corrals at Harve Gulch East (#486). FS will supply pipe and bull panel; permittee will provide labor and miscellaneous materials.
- North Pasture Tank 254, Hospital Tank 4285, and Morgan Tank 632 need cleaning. This spring, as these tanks become dry, we will get the archeological clearances to proceed.
- Rebuild Cedar Breaks/Mogollon boundary fence 106.
- Need to determine issues with pumping water from Catwalk well to Golddust storage and resolve the problems so that pumping can occur.

IV. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONCERNS

Keep track of conditions on your allotment and make plans to reduce or remove livestock if vegetative/watershed conditions could be substantially harmed due to continued grazing. If water availability becomes a problem, we may need to adjust the rotation schedule. Contact Kendall Brown if there is a need to adjust the schedule.

Cattle are not authorized to be in the San Francisco River, Whitewater Creek within or above the Catwalk, or the community of Mogollon. Please promptly remove any cattle that stray into these areas.

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.