

2023 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District
Gila National Forest

Pine Cienega #415

Apache Creek Allotment #402

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Annual Operating Instructions

I. INTRODUCTION

Kendall Brown (Forest Service) met with JC Nelson (Permittee) on January 23, 2023 to discuss management of the Pine Cienega Allotment and Apache 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.

Pine Cienega Term Permitted Livestock Numbers

Number and class of livestock	Dates
150 Cattle-Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28

Pine Cienega Allotment Annual Authorization

Number and class of livestock	Dates
146 Cattle-Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28
4 Horses-Saddle	03/01 – 02/28

Pine Cienega Allotment Pasture Rotation

Kind & Class of Livestock	Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 09/15	Big
Cow/Calf	09/15 – 11/15	Steer
Cow/Calf	11/15 – 02/28	Big
Holding & Horses	03/01 – 02/28	Camel

Grazing System:

- Big & Steer pastures will have livestock use deferred by denying access to water in one portion of the pasture during monsoon season (07/15-09/30). The following year the tanks that were open to livestock will be closed from 07/15 to 09/30; therefore, a portion of the pasture is deferred from July through October every other year.
- Camel to be used for holding/horses. Livestock can remain in pasture until allowable use is met.

Apache Creek Term Permitted Livestock Numbers

Number and class of livestock	Dates
57 Cattle-Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28

Apache Creek Allotment Annual Authorization

Number and class of livestock	Dates
105 Cattle-Cow/Calf	05/01 – 11/15

Apache Creek Allotment Pasture Rotation

Class of Livestock	Scheduled Rotation Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	05/15 – 11/15	Cienega/Brushy
Cow/Calf	11/15 – 02/28	Geronimo/Thygerson/State Land & BLM & Private

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.

- In 2023 permittee is planning to clean Round Mountain Tank 902 and Juniper Tank 516. These tanks have archeological clearance.
- Fence 071 between Blue Creek and Apache Creek Allotments will be repaired by prior to cattle entry into Apache Creek.

- All earthen tanks on Apache Creek Allotment need cleaning. Archeological clearances will be obtained. Call the Ranger Station prior to beginning any work with heavy equipment.

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.