

2023 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District
Gila National Forest

Potholes Allotment #417

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District Ranger

Date: 01/30/2023

Annual Operating Instructions

I. INTRODUCTION

Kendall Brown (Forest Service) met with Scott Freeman (Permittee) on January 25, 2023 to discuss management of the Potholes 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 & Class of livestock	Dates
114 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28

Authorized Use:

Number & Class of livestock	Dates
0 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28

Currently the interior and exterior fences are in disrepair and the pipeline is non-functional. We developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2013, please refer to it for schedule of maintenance.

Due to the non-functional condition of the range improvements and drought conditions resource protection non-use (see 2013 MOU for non-use) is approved until adequate water becomes available.

Pasture Rotations:

****NON-USE FOR RESOURCE PROTECTION**

Class of	Rotation Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 02/28	Non-use

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.

Priority range developments that we agreed to pursue are:

- Rebuild Forest Boundary Fence (934) for one mile from road 733 going east. FS provided one mile of fence on 01/25/2023.
- Rebuild Pasture Corral (941). Portable metal panels set up within existing corral footprint.

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).

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