

2023 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Glenwood Ranger District
Gila National Forest

Rough Canyon Allotment #726

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District Ranger

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I. INTRODUCTION

Kaitlin Burrows (Forest Service) met with Tom Shelley (Permittee) on February 3, 2023, to discuss management of the Rough Canyon 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:

Permittee	Number & Class of livestock	Dates
Tom Shelley	75 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 06/15
Tom Shelley	75 Cow/Calf	09/15 – 02/28
Tom Shelley	4 Horses	03/01 – 06/15
Tom Shelley	4 Horses	09/15 – 02/28

Authorized Use:

Permittee	Number & Class of livestock	Dates
Tom Shelley	55 Cow/Calf	03/01 – 06/15
Tom Shelley	55 Cow/Calf	09/15 – 02/28
Tom Shelley	2 Horses	01/01 – 02/28

Pasture Rotations:

Class of Livestock	Rotation Date	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 06/15	Rough Canyon
Cow/Calf	09/15 – 02/28	Rough Canyon

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.

- Rebuild a mile of fence # 8018, which is the Davis Canyon/Rough Canyon Boundary, and another mile of Fence #8036, which is between 916 Ranch and Rough Canyon. Permittee will work with neighbors on fence.

IV. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

You indicated that you may be in favor of managed wildfire on your allotment. Your concerns will be considered when management decisions are being made. The District Ranger will authorize necessary changes to this AOI to accommodate fire management.

V. 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 becomes limiting and changes are needed in your scheduled rotation plan, please contact Kendall Brown.

VI. 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.