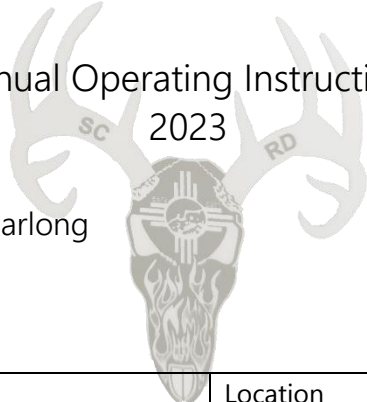


Gila National Forest
Silver City Ranger District

ALLIE/ AVALANCHE ALLOTMENT #500

Annual Operating Instructions
2023



I. PERMITTED USE:

220 cow/calf yearlong

II. AUTHORIZATION:

Avalanche:

Number and kind	AUM type	Dates	Location
20 cattle	cow/calf	12/05/22 - 04/01/23	Lower & Club
90 cattle	cow/calf	12/05/22 - 08/01/23	North
20 cattle	cow/calf	04/01/23- 08/01/23	North
110 cattle	Cow/calf	08/01/23 – 08/31/23	Big
110 cattle	cow/calf	09/01/23 - 11/15/23	Flat
30 cattle	cow/calf	11/16/23 - 02/28/24	Lower & Club
80 cattle	Cow/calf	11/16/23 – 02/28/24	North
14 horses*		03/01/23- 02/28/24	Allotment Wide

* Horses are run under on/off Instructions

Allie

Number and kind	AUM type	Dates	Location
20 cattle	cow/calf	11/15/22 - 04/01/23	Lower Allie
90 cattle	cow/calf	11/15/22 - 07/01/23	Upper Allie
110 cattle	cow/calf	04/01/23- 08/15/23	Deamer
110 cattle	cow/calf	8/15/23 - 10/01/23	Mattocks
110 cattle	cow/calf	10/01/23- 11/15/23	Lower Allie
30 cattle	cow/calf	11/15/23- 04/01/24	Lower Allie
80 cattle	Cow/calf	11/15/23 -04/01/24	Lower Bear

i. The schedule for stocking the allotment depends upon the availability of forage and water.

ii. Flexibility in the above pasture rotation dates will be allowed for justifiable causes such as weather conditions, livestock management needs, and/ or range conditions. If the deviation of rotation is greater than 15 days please notify the District Ranger of the proposed change for approval and amendment of your AOI.

Approved By: /s/ Elizabeth Toney Date: 1/25/2023
District Ranger

V. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fire - branding and warming fires should be used with good judgement - not on windy days or during times when fires are specifically restricted. The Silver City District is planning to allow naturally ignited fires to burn on the district this coming year. We will notify you if we plan to let a fire burn on your allotment.
2. Records - please keep track of materials used, and the days and dollars spent on maintenance of improvements. It is also necessary to keep track of cattle numbers, dates of entering and leaving different pastures, shipping dates, and cattle losses (both grown stock and calves).
3. Heavy Equipment Use - written permission from the District Ranger will be required for any heavy equipment use on the National Forest. Examples of this are cleaning out stock tanks, road maintenance, etc.
4. Short Age Calf Policy - any short-aged calves (calves less than 6 months old on December 31) must be removed from the National Forest by April 1, or you will need to apply for and pay grazing fees for these animals from April 1 to the time they are removed from the National Forest. Calves that are 6 months old or older on December 31, need to be paid for starting January 1.
5. Predator Control - The private use of predator control devices or programs on National Forest land must be approved by the District Ranger prior to being carried out.
6. Salting and Supplemental Feeding - the following practices will be adhered to:
 - a. Feeding of energy supplements on National Forest land will not be permitted unless a proven need to use the supplements is shown, and a detailed plan is developed and approved.
 - b. Feeding of vitamin or mineral supplements on National Forest land will be permitted if a detailed plan is approved, or if carried out in conjunction with salting.
 - c. Salting practices will be in agreement with the 10-Year Term Grazing Permit. Salt will be placed in areas of available feed to help draw cattle to them. Salt will not be placed in natural concentrations areas, which receive heavy grazing use.

VI. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONCERNS and/ or MODIFICATIONS

If forage and/or water availability becomes a issue on your allotment this you may be required to change your management and/or possibly remove your livestock from the National Forest lands. It is imperative to keep track of conditions on your allotment from year to year and make plans to reduce or totally remove your livestock if it looks like vegetative/watershed conditions could be substantially harmed due to continued grazing during the drought period.

In order to insure proper utilization of forage key areas will need to be monitored in the pastures that are scheduled to be grazed this year. Actual use will not exceed 40% on the mesa tops near water and 30% in the bottom of Allie and Bear Canyon. Parker 3-step cluster sites will also be considered key areas. It is very important that you do not exceed the allowable use in key areas. If, during the year, you feel that the utilization level is approaching the allowable use level, you will need to take some action to stop grazing the area.

If unforeseen operational conditions require a change in the management specified in this AOI please contact Elizabeth Toney at the Silver City Ranger District. Change requests should be made in advance so that field inspections (if necessary) can be conducted. 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).