

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2024 Grazing Season
(3/01/2024-2/28/2025)

Reserve Ranger District
Gila National Forest

McCarty Allotment



Agreed To By: Permittee

Date: 1/24/2024

Approved By: Bret Ruff
Bret Ruff, Deputy Forest Supervisor

Date: 1/24/2024



2024 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotments: McCarty

Permittee: Charles and Thelma McCarty

Permit Number: 61371

Permitted Use:

Permittee	Numbers	Type	Season
Charles and Thelma McCarty	5 Cow/Calf (68 AUMs)	Term	3/01-2/28

1. **Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2024:

Permittee	Numbers	Type	Season
Charles and Thelma McCarty	5 Cow/Calf (68 AUMs)	Term	3/01-2/28

Counting Livestock: The standard for counting livestock on an allotment is as follows:

- a. All cattle six (6) months of age or older **at the time of entering** the National Forest **and all weaned** animals regardless of age will be counted against the permitted numbers on the allotment and charged for at the current rate.

Nonuse: Application for credit or refund must be made in “**writing**” and “**in advance**” by the permittee to the District Ranger using Form FS-2200-1 (Refund, Credit, or Transfer Application). When it is not possible to be timely in getting to the Ranger District Office, the permittee may phone in a request for refund or credit. The permittee will then complete Form FS-2200-1 (Refund, Credit, or Transfer Application) at the next visit to the Reserve Ranger District Office. **Note:** Credit or refund applications will not be processed unless value is \$100.00 or more and District personnel have been notified either in advance or at the time livestock are removed from NFS Lands.

Bovine Trichinosis: Virgin bulls not exposed to breeding are exempt from testing if under 12 months of age. As of 2/26/10, bulls 12 months of age and older are required to have a negative trich test within 30 days prior to entry. **A signed affidavit from the owner for the virgin status of bulls 12 TO 24 months of age is no longer applicable.** Non-virgin Breeding age Bulls must be tested negative prior to import into New Mexico. Non-virgin Breeding age Bulls sold within the state of New Mexico must be tested negative within 30 days prior to change of ownership. Please contact the New Mexico Livestock Board for more details.

2. **Management:** McCarty 2024 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Time Frame
Lone Pine	3/1-4/30
Headquarters	5/1-8/15
Lone Pine, Lane, South, HQ	8/16-2/28

The McCarty Allotment includes areas of the San Francisco River and the Tularosa River that are excluded from livestock grazing. Please monitor these areas regularly and promptly remove any of your livestock found.

3. Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

In accordance with the Decision Memo signed on 12/13/1999, the maximum allowable use level set for the McCarty Allotment is **35%** during the growing season and **45%** during the dormant season. The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged and invited to participate in monitoring with district personnel and/or on your own.

Allotment	Pasture	Monitoring date
McCarty	Headquarters/River	3/08/2024
McCarty	Lone Pine/South /Lane/Bird	10/04/2024

4. Forage Growth and Water Availability:

Per Part 2, clause 8(c) of your Term Grazing Permit, if forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2024 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary.

5. Salt and Supplement Policy:

Supplemental feeding of livestock is allowed (to strategically manage livestock distribution and forage use) as follows:

- a) Place supplements on previously disturbed areas (i.e., borrow pits) or natural bedrock outcrops when possible (supplement sites).
- b) Locate supplement sites 0.25 mile or more from waters and key areas except where prior written permission has been obtained from District Ranger.
- c) Locate supplement sites where forage is abundant and utilized less than average.
- d) Limit supplement types to non energy feeds such as salt, protein and mineral blocks.
- e) Use products that prevent the spread of noxious weeds, no feeding of hay on National Forest System Lands.

6. Range Improvements:

All assigned range developments identified in the Grazing Permit must be maintained to a functional status.

Advance planning is needed for any range improvement reconstruction or replacement, including fences and water systems to evaluate the need for any additional surveys. General maintenance/repair is excluded. Advance planning is also needed for authorized stock tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled accordingly. Please contact the District in advance if you are proposing any of this type of work.

The following range improvements were discussed and planned for this grazing season:

Fences:

- 1. Annual maintenance of range improvements.

The Annual Operating Plan/Instructions are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. This AOI is in accordance with the 12/13/1999 Decision Notice for the McCarty Allotment. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the McCarty allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.