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Dear Heber and Carrie,

This document serves as your 2025 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 13 Mile Allotment. This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a).

I. AUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK NUMBERS/PERIOD OF USE/APPROVED NON-USE

Your 2025 Authorized Use Request has been approved and you are authorized the following Livestock Numbers and Periods of Use:

361 Cow/calf	3/1/2025 - 2/28/2026
35 Bulls	3/1/2025 - 2/28/2026
30 Heifers	3/1/2025 - 2/28/2026
426 Total	
6 Horses	3/1/2025 - 2/28/2026

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE

Changes from the grazing schedule will be made only with prior Forest Service approval.

The following is the planned grazing sequence for the 2025 grazing year:

Pasture Name	Planned Grazing Period	Livestock Numbers
Heifer	3/01 – 3/15	361 cows/ 35 Bulls/ 30 heifers
Wingfield Mesa East	3/16– 4/11	361 cows/ 35 Bulls/ 30 heifers
Wingfield Mesa West	4/12 – 4/30	361 cows/ 35 Bulls/ 30 heifers
Wingfield Mesa East	5/01- 5/04	361 cows/ 35 Bulls/ 30 heifers
Heifer/Winter	5/05 – 5/15	361 cows/ 35 Bulls/ 30 heifers
Tanque Aloma	5/16-5/20	361 cows/ 35 Bulls/ 30 heifers
Maverick Basin	5/21 to 6/11	361 cows/ 35 Bulls/ 30 heifers
Tin Can	Trail Thru	361 cows/ 35 Bulls/ 30 heifers
Meadow Canyon	7/01 - 7/20	361 cows/ 35 Bulls/ 30 heifers
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Scheduled for Projects/Maintenance 2025:

Project Location	Project	Date for Completion
Section 14 Salmon Lake Holding pasture, or Section 14 Hunters Cabin Location	Shipping pens or corrals	10/01/2026
Wingfield West & Heifer	Water pipeline from Heifer to Wingfield West	10/01/2026
Winter Pasture, off FR #9243C	Water Haul Proposal	10/01/2028
Bobs Pasture	Complete Section 18/CE. Implement and authorized grazing	Potentially by: 10/01/2028

IV. NON-STRUCTURAL RANGELAND IMPROVEMENTS

Currently there are no non-structural range improvements.

V. SALTING AND PROTEIN BLOCK PRACTICES

Proper salt and protein block location can be a good tool to aid in livestock distribution and they will be used in a manner to spread livestock utilization throughout the pasture. A detailed description of the Coconino National Forest Salting and Supplemental Feeding policy can be found in Part 3 of your term grazing permit; (See AMP and Term Grazing Permit for the complete list of the guidelines.)

Page 9 of the Term Grazing Permit: Salt or mineral supplement locations should be rotated annually and avoid areas where livestock concentrations could cause excessive vegetation trampling, soil loss or disturbance to sensitive species or habitats. These areas would include habitat that supports Mexican spotted owls, northern goshawks, rare plants, riparian vegetation, meadows or locations closer than ¼ mile from a water source.

VI. PORTABLE WATER HAULING

Temporary sites for portable haul water may be needed and should be used as necessary to assist in livestock distribution. Sites need to be approved before troughs are placed on site, may need archeological clearance. All troughs need to follow the same conditions as if they were permanent; like wildlife ramps/logs, placed on flat ground, etc. (see page 8 of Term Permit).

VII. DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

To aide in determining the initial livestock numbers the Standard Precipitation Index (SPI) and the US Drought Monitor Report was discussed. The SPI and the US Drought Monitor showed our area in a continued drought. It was agreed that due to the above factors as well as that with the current precipitation conditions and the fact that there was abundant forage left over at the end of the growing season the livestock numbers would remain at present numbers unless the allotment moves into a negative drought status.

See Allotment Management Plan (AMP)

VIII. GRAZING STRATEGY

****It is very important that this Actual Use form be completed and submitted to your Range Staff at the end of the grazing year.**

The permittee is encouraged to participate in the monitoring.

X. MITIGATION MEASURES FOR SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES

There are two (2) grazing mitigation documents that include grazing mitigation measures for the Mexican spotted owl and the Chiricahua leopard frog. Please review and familiarize yourself with these required grazing measures; Forest Service personnel will field check your compliance with these mitigation requirements. (See AMP)

XI. FIRE

Please use caution during all ranch activities that could potentially start a fire. All ranch vehicles must be equipped with an axe, shovel, and water bucket. All open camp and branding fires require a ten foot fire ring cleared down to mineral soil.

During periods of critical fire danger the Forest Supervisor may declare a Red Flag Alert or issue other special orders. Under these conditions, the building or use of fires, the use of power saws, heavy equipment, ATV's and other motorized equipment may be prohibited on Forest Service land. All Federal, State and Local fire restrictions and regulations must be observed.

Report all fires to the Coconino National Forest Fire Dispatch Office (928-527-3552). Cooperation in the reporting, prevention, and suppression of fires will be expected as specified in Part 2, section 10 of your Term Grazing Permit.

XII. MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

On May 1, 2012, the Coconino National Forest began implementation of the Travel Management Rule. The Travel Management Rule requires the designation of roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicle use and these routes are identified on the Motor Vehicle Use Map. Implementation of the Travel Management Rule requires active management of all motorized use, including use related to permitted grazing activities.

Motorized travel off the designated road system, including off-road access, by grazing permit holders will be based on the need to carry out required management practices necessary to comply with the terms and conditions of the Term Grazing Permit.

Grazing permittees that do not obtain a Restricted Road, Trail and Off-Road Administrative Use Permit are required to operate motorized vehicles only on the designated road system. Operating a motorized vehicle off the designated road system without a valid Restricted Road, Trail and Off-Road Administrative Use Permit will result in the immediate issuance of a Notice of Non-Compliance for violating the terms and conditions of your Term Grazing Permit (Part 2, Section 8a). A Notice of Non-Compliance may result in Term Grazing Permit suspension or cancellation proceedings. Legitimate motorized use off the designated road system, including off-road access, for conducting activities required under the Term Grazing Permit will be authorized under a Restricted Road, Trail and Off-Road Administrative Use Permit. (See Permit)

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further, contact Kathy Sevy at (928) 203-7537, Noelle Resignolo at (928) 203-7517.

