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Dear (b) (6)

Enclosed are your 2022 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) and Grazing Bill for the A-Draw Allotment. The due date for your grazing bill is in the upper right-hand corner of the bill, please note that grazing fees this year are \$1.35 per head month.

As a reminder, if you need to deviate from your rotation schedule by more than two weeks, please notify the range program in advance so changes can be properly documented and a modified AOI can be developed if necessary. Also, be sure to follow the guidelines in your AOI and Term Grazing Permit pertaining to proper salt and supplement placement.

Should you have any questions, please contact Steve Bluemer at (520) 803-2831.

Sincerely,

JOHN KRAFT
Acting District Ranger



**SIERRA VISTA RANGER DISTRICT
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)
A-Draw Allotment
2022 Grazing Year**

I. AUTHORIZED USE: The following numbers and classes of livestock are authorized to graze on the A-Draw Allotment:

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	AUMs	AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE
Cattle	Cow/calf	49	196	03/01/2022 – 07/01/2022
Cattle	Cow/calf	49	294	09/01/2022 – 02/28/2023
Cattle	Bulls	4	24	03/01/2022 – 07/01/2022
Cattle	Bulls	4	36	09/01/2022 – 02/28/2023
Cattle	Steer	15	270	03/01/2022 – 02/28/2023
Cattle	Yearling Steer	15	126	03/01/2022 – 02/28/2023
Cattle	Yearling Heifer	15	126	03/01/2022 – 02/28/2023
	Total	98	1072	

Notes: AUM factor used for a Cow/calf pair was 1.0, Steer & Bull was 1.5 (1400lb/avg.), Yearling was .7

Non-use is approved as follows:

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	AUMs	DATES OF NON-USE	NON-USE APPROVED FOR (REASON)
Cattle	Cow/Calf	52	624	03/01/2022 – 02/28/2023	Resource Protection
	Total	52	624		

Notes: Non-use is granted for Resource Protection due to lack of stock water availability and drought recovery.

II. ROTATION SCHEDULE: Actual dates may vary dependent upon climatic conditions, when utilization levels are reached and time required to remove cattle.

Steer Rotation

Pasture	Proposed Numbers	Proposed Season of Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
Gertrudis	15 + 15 + 15	03/01/2022 – 05/30/2022	Steers + yrng steers + heifers
Upper Forest	15 + 15 + 15	06/01/2022 – 09/30/2022	Steers + yrng steers + heifers
Lower Forest	15 + 15 + 15	10/01/2022 – 11/15/2022	Steers + yrng steers + heifers
Gertrudis	15 + 15 + 15	11/16/2022 – 01/15/2023	Steers + yrng steers + heifers
TBD	15 + 15 + 15	01/16/2023 – 02/28/2022	Steers + yrng steers + heifers. Based on monsoon and winter rainfall events, cattle will either rotate into Lower or Upper Forest.

Cow/Calf Rotation

Pasture	Proposed Numbers	Proposed Season of Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
Picnic (Forest & Trap)	49 + 4	03/01/2022 – 03/31/2022	Cows + bulls
Apache	49 + 4	04/01/2022 – 06/30/2022	Cows + bulls
Airplane (private)	49 + 4	07/01/2022 – 08/31/2022	Cows + bulls
Picnic (Forest)	49 + 4	09/01/2022 – 11/30/2022	Cows + bulls
Apache	49 + 4	12/01/2022 – 01/31/2023	Cows + bulls
TBD		02/01/2023 – 02/28/2023	Based on monsoon and winter rainfall events, cattle will either remain in the Apache Pasture or go onto Picnic (Forest & Trap)

Note: Due to the unreliability of stock tanks on the Allotment, there is a good possibility that this rotation plan will need to be amended. Stay in close contact with District Range Personnel on water and feed issues as they arise. Should a deviation in the plan be necessary, you will be issued a revised AOI. If cattle need to be moved to private b/c of any of the issues mentioned, a credit can be issued with advance notice.

If you should need to deviate from this rotation schedule by more than two weeks, please notify this office in advance. Livestock remaining in pastures beyond the specified rotation date, that are allowed to drift between pastures, or grazing in rested pastures may be considered a violation of your Term Grazing Permit.

III. ALLOWABLE USE STANDARDS:

Utilization in all pastures is not to exceed 45% in the key areas. Please refer to your key area map. Herding and salting will be used to ensure allowable use is not exceeded. If allowable use is in danger of being exceeded, the cattle should be removed from that pasture until the range recovers. Salt and supplement will be placed appropriately, on good feed, at least 1/4 mile from water and out of livestock concentration areas and more than 200 feet from roads. Salt and supplement locations should be rotated so as not to degrade a particular site. Salt blocks may be removed by the District if found near water, over-utilized areas, or roads. Blocks should be placed on hard ground not susceptible to erosion.

IV. MONITORING:

The permittee will record actual use as it occurs, including livestock numbers and dates permitted livestock are in a pasture. This information will be reported at the next annual operating instruction meeting. Common implementation monitoring includes forage production, forage utilization, photo points, condition of improvements, actual use and precipitation data.

V. RANGE IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE:

The Forest Service may spot check range improvements before the entry date to insure improvements are in a satisfactory condition. Livestock will not be allowed to enter pastures if assigned improvements are not maintained to proper standards. Livestock will not be allowed to enter pastures if fences will not keep livestock where they are placed.

All troughs should have water when livestock are not present and be equipped so that small animals can safely enter and exit.

Vehicular access to range improvements listed in the term grazing permit is authorized for routine maintenance. Vehicular access is also approved for the construction of any new improvements not yet listed in the term grazing permit.

New range improvements and all ground disturbing activities will not be initiated until proper archeological clearances have been obtained. When improvements are completed the permittee will inform District Range personnel to schedule an inspection. Before using machinery to clean any pond, the permittee is required to give the District Office at least 30 days advance notice so that the tank can be inspected for threatened or endangered species. All work involving the use of heavy equipment will be accomplished only after prior approval by the District Ranger. Improvement schedule is dependent upon funding.

Current Year Improvement Schedule			YEAR	2022
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
	A-Draw/Collins Canyon ABF		Material is on the ground but not in the most logistical site. Last year you committed to doing a thorough inventory of how much material is on the fence line and what portions of the fence need replacement the most. A plan will need to be formulated collaboratively on how to relocate the material and get it installed.	
Previous Year Improvement Accomplishments			YEAR	2021
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VI. ROADS:

Vehicular access on established roads can be essential for structural range improvement maintenance, supplement placement and general ranch duties. Any open road to the public (road on Motor Vehicle Use Map- MVUM) may be used at any time for any reason. The use of other established roads must be authorized within the Term Grazing Permit or in the Annual Operating Instructions. Cross country may be authorized by written permission from the District Ranger. Vehicular access is authorized on the following Forest Service inventoried roads not on the MVUM:

Road Number (From TAP Maps)	Reason for Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
4338-1.88L-1	Supplement placement	
4735-1.22L-1	Improvement Maintenance	
4746-0.28R-1	Access to windmill	

VII. REFUNDS AND CREDIT OF GRAZING FEES PAID (FSM 2238.11g)

Refunds will only be approved where the term grazing permit has been waived, the waiver of term grazing permit has been confirmed by the authorized officer, and a new permit issued to a qualified applicant indicated on the waiver of term grazing permit (FS-2200-12), or if a current permittee has applied for, and the authorized officer has approved, nonuse for which grazing fees have previously been paid.

Grazing fee credits will be approved when late entry or early removal of livestock is requested by the permittee for legitimate reasons and/or when delayed entry or early removal of livestock is requested by the authorized officer for reasons of resource protection. Credit for grazing fees will not be approved merely for the convenience of the permittee after the bill for collection is issued.

VIII. PROTECTION:

The permittee, his agents and employees, when acting within the scope of their employment, and his contractors and subcontractors will protect the land and property of the United States, waived private land and other land under jurisdiction of the Forest Service covered by and used in conjunction with this permit. During periods of high fire danger, branding fires will be allowed by permit only. Please report all fires to the Tucson Interagency Fire Coordination Center at 1-800-549-0661.

IX. PERMIT CONDITIONS:

This Annual Operating Instruction is hereby made a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, Section 8(a). It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions specified in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of your Term Grazing Permit may result in suspension or cancellation, in whole or in part, after written notice. This is found in Part 1, Section 3, of your permit.

In 2021, the Forest consulted with the US Fish & Wildlife Service about on-going grazing activities and the impacts they may have on threatened and endangered species. You have been provided a copy of the Biological Opinion (BO). Please pay particular attention to the sections pertaining to the species on your allotment. If you need new copies, please contact this office. Please pay particular attention to the terms and conditions and conservation recommendations for each species.

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 CELESTE KINSEY
 District Ranger

03/30/22

 Date