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J Bar B Cattle Co. LLP  
Campaign Allotment

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The following are your 2020 annual operating instructions (AOI) for the Campaign grazing allotment. These instructions have been developed from collaboration with you and in consideration of Forest Service Handbook 2209.13, Tonto National Forest Plan, associated National Environmental Policy Act analysis, Allotment Management Plan, and available information describing range conditions.

**Authorized Use**

The following table describes authorized livestock numbers per grazing unit, anticipated use dates, and proposed monitoring dates. Please request a change in this schedule well in advance of the proposed dates. Please, maintain and submit records that indicate your compliance to permitted use.

Grazing Unit	Dates of Use	Tentative Monitoring Date	Authorized Livestock	Rationale/Comments
<b>Cow/Calf</b>				
Spring Creek	February 1 <sup>st</sup> March 27 <sup>th</sup>	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	313 Cows	
Schoolhouse	March 28 <sup>th</sup> April 24 <sup>th</sup>	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	313 Cows 29 Bulls	
Grapevine	April 25 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup>	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	313 Cows 29 Bulls	125 Cows and 12 Bulls will be removed on 6/1/16
Jojoba	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 24 <sup>th</sup>	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	188 C 17 Bulls	
Bobcat	July 25 <sup>th</sup> August 28 <sup>th</sup>	August 28 <sup>th</sup>	188 Cows 17 Bulls	
Brake	August 29 <sup>th</sup> January 15 <sup>th</sup> 2021	January 8 <sup>th</sup>	188 Cows 17 Bulls	
Fowler	November 16 <sup>th</sup> February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2021	February 28 <sup>th</sup>	188 Cows	
Granite	January 16 <sup>th</sup> 2021 February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2021	February 28 <sup>th</sup>	188 Cows	If this pasture has not recovered and is ready we will use Cholla
Tule	November 1 <sup>st</sup> January 15 <sup>th</sup> 2021	January 8 <sup>th</sup>	125 Cows	125 Cows come back from Heber



Creek	January 16 <sup>th</sup> 2021 February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2021	February 28 <sup>th</sup>	125 Cows	
<b>Bulls</b>				
Bull	March 1 <sup>st</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup>	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	29 Bulls	
Neck	November 1 <sup>st</sup> January 8 <sup>th</sup>	January 8 <sup>th</sup>	29 Bulls	
Bull	January 8 <sup>th</sup> February 28 <sup>th</sup>	February 28 <sup>th</sup>	29 Bulls	
<b>Yearlings</b>				
HN	February 1 <sup>st</sup> March 15 <sup>th</sup>	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	290 Yearlings	
Creek	March 16 <sup>th</sup> April 10 <sup>th</sup>	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	300 Yearlings	
Campaign	April 11 <sup>th</sup> April 30 <sup>th</sup>	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	300 Yearlings	
<b>Replacement Heifers</b>				
Benches	March 14 <sup>th</sup> May 16 <sup>th</sup>	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	300 Yearlings	

### **Monitoring:**

Upland utilization is measured at the end of the growing season in key areas for key forage species. This information, along with vegetation condition, forage plant production and vigor, soil and watershed condition, will be used to make informed management recommendations concerning pasture moves and stocking rates.

Riparian utilization in key reaches is measured during growing season to verify residual vegetation is present for streambank protection during flow events.

Grazing intensity will be evaluated during the growing season to make necessary changes needed for plant development and recovery.

### **Vegetative Use Guidelines:**

Grazing will be managed so conservative use levels are achieved over the long-term in pasture key areas. It is your responsibility as permittee to take action so that livestock grazing does not exceed vegetative use thresholds. Please arrange for an allotment inspection if seasonal vegetative use of available forage approaches these thresholds.

<b>Vegetation</b>	<b>Use Threshold</b>
Upland herbaceous species	30-40% of current year's growth
Upland browse species	50% of current year's growth
Riparian herbaceous species	Limited to 40% of plant species biomass and maintain 6-8 inches of stubble height on deergrass
Riparian woody species	Limited to 50% of leaders browsed on upper 1/3 of plants up to 6 feet tall

Streambanks (if applicable)	Limited to less than 20% alteration of alterable streambanks
Mexican Spotted Owl PAC's (where applicable)	20% optimum-40% maximum
Annual Grasses	50% of current year's growth

**Range Improvement Maintenance:**

All range improvements must be maintained to Forest Service standards before cattle will be allowed to enter the units. You must receive verbal concurrence for each project before work can begin except routine maintenance (e.g. cleaning dirt tanks, maintaining fence, restoring pipe). It is your responsibility to be aware of and comply with fire restriction.

The following table describes 2020 range improvement projects.

Pasture	Location	Description of Work	Clearances Needed
Multiple	Multiple	Maintenance and Repair on existing infrastructure as a result of the Woodbury Fire	None needed Consult with F.S. throughout replacement.
Spring Creek	FS Road 1744	Re-route Connection	Archeological

**Salting:**

In most cases, salt must be located no closer than ¼ mile from streams, rivers, riparian areas, trails, and known archaeological sites.

**Supplements and Attractants**

Protein blocks, nutritional supplement, and other attractant may be authorized.

**Supplemental Feeding:**

No supplemental feeding is authorized.

**Weeds**

Invasive plants threaten ecosystem health and grazing resources. Please assist us in preventing the introduction and spread of invasive plants.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Hoskins, Range Management Specialist, at (928) 467-3236.

Sincerely,

KELLY L. JARDINE  
District Ranger

CC: Eric Hoskins  
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<b>LIVESTOCK GRAZING PERMIT – MODIFICATION OF ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS</b>	<b>ALLOTMENT</b>	<u>Campaign</u>
	<b>PERMITTEE</b>	<u>J-B Cattle Co.</u>

(b) (6) has requested a livestock rotation modification for his 2020 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI), as stated below.

**SECTION A: AOI LIVESTOCK ROTATION MODIFICATION**

Livestock Management Schedule:

- a. Provide all pasture modifications, through 02/28/2021. Only insert permitted numbers or less. Any request for increased numbers, contact your district office.

Pasture	Date In	Date Out	Numbers
Creek	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	290 Yearlings
Campaign	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	290 Yearlings
Benches	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	30 Heifers

- b. Provide explanation for reason modification above is requested:

Original AOI had a mistake listed in the number of livestock in these last three pasture rotations.

*Eric Hols*

**SECTION A: AOI LIVESTOCK ROTATION MODIFICATION AUTHORIZATION**

To be completed by Forest Official:

- a.  Approved
- b.  Approved with conditions as stipulated:

- c.  Not approved with explanation:

*[Signature]* *2/19/2020*

Forest Official Date