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J-S Farms Inc. and J Bar S Cattle, LLC.  
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Dear John:

This Annual Operating Instruction is a guide for management of the **American Gulch, Pole Hollow, and Rye Creek Allotments** for the **2022 grazing year**. This plan is made part of your Term Grazing Permit as specified in Part 2, Number 8(a) of the permit and supersedes your previous AOI, dated January 23, 2022.

**I. PERMITTED USE**

The following table illustrates the number of livestock and period of use permitted on the **American Gulch Allotment** as per Term Grazing Permit #12198 issued to J Bar S Cattle, LLC.

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	SEASON OF USE
CATTLE	COW	200	10/21 - 5/31
CATTLE	YEARLING	81	1/1 - 5/31

The following table illustrates the number of livestock and period of use permitted on the **Pole Hollow Allotment** as per Term Grazing Permit #12214 issued to J-S Farms Inc.

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	SEASON OF USE
CATTLE	COW	175	3/1 - 2/28

The following table illustrates the number of livestock and period of use permitted on the **Rye Creek Allotment** as per Term Grazing Permit #12157 issued to J Bar S Cattle, LLC.

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	SEASON OF USE
CATTLE	COW	250	3/1 - 2/28
HORSES	HORSE	5	3/1 - 2/28



## II. AUTHORIZED USE

The following numbers and classes of livestock are authorized to graze on the **American Gulch Allotment** this year.

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	SEASON OF USE
CATTLE	COW	200	3/1 - 5/31
CATTLE	COW	200	10/21 - 2/28

The numbers and classes of livestock are authorized to graze on the **Pole Hollow Allotment** this year.

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	SEASON OF USE
CATTLE	COW	160	3/1 - 2/28
CATTLE	BULL	15	5/1 - 10/31

The following numbers and classes of livestock are authorized to graze on the **Rye Creek Allotment** this year.

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	SEASON OF USE
CATTLE	COW	169	3/1 - 2/28
CATTLE	BULL	20	5/1 - 10/31
HORSES	HORSE	5	3/1 - 2/28

## III. ROTATION SCHEDULE

Actual dates may vary depending upon climatic conditions, drought, wildfire, noxious weeds, soil, and range conditions, conflicts with or for protection of wildlife, water availability, utilization levels and time required to move livestock. Any deviation from this schedule needs to be discussed with Payson range staff prior to moving your cattle outside of the dates listed. Estimates of forage utilization will be performed and documented on pastures about the time the pasture is vacated.

### **American Gulch Allotment**

AUTHORIZED PASTURE	CLASS OF LIVESTOCK	AUTHORIZED NUMBER	AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE
SUMMIT	COW	200	3/1 - 4/16
MARYSVILLE	COW	200	4/17 - 5/31
WHITE MOUNTAIN	COW	200	10/21 - 1/31
PEACH ORCHARD	COW	200	2/1 - 2/28

**Pole Hollow Allotment**

<b>AUTHORIZED PASTURE</b>	<b>CLASS OF LIVESTOCK</b>	<b>AUTHORIZED NUMBER</b>	<b>AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE</b>
RIVER, MAVERICK AND CONTACT	COW	160	3/1 – 5/14
HOMEWARD, HORSETHIEF AND PINE CREEK	COW BULL	160 15	5/15 – 8/12
BULL	COW BULL	160 15	8/13 – 9/26
CYPRESS THICKET	COW BULL	160 15	9/27 – 10/31
CYPRESS THICKET	COW	160	11/1 – 2/28

**Rye Creek Allotment**

<b>AUTHORIZED PASTURE</b>	<b>CLASS OF LIVESTOCK</b>	<b>AUTHORIZED NUMBER</b>	<b>AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE</b>
BOYD MOUNTAIN	COW	169	3/1 – 3/10
MANKIN AND NORTH OXBOW	COW BULL	169 20	3/11 – 6/8 5/1 – 6/8
SOUTH OXBOW AND ZULU	COW BULL	169 20	6/9 – 8/7
CURTIS	COW BULL	169 20	8/8 – 9/6
COW	COW BULL	169 20	9/7 – 10/6
BARNHARDT	COW	169 20	10/7 – 12/5 10/7 – 10/31
ROCK CREEK	COW	169	11/1 – 2/28
ANY	HORSE	5	3/1 – 2/28

#### **IV. ALLOWABLE USE STANDARDS**

The use on key species in key areas will ultimately determine the length of the grazing period in each pasture. The establishment of the utilization standards is consistent with 36 CFR 222 regulations, FSM 2210 and 2230, and FSH 2209.21. Grazing will be managed so that conservative use levels are achieved over the long-term. Considerable research has been done showing that conservative use levels will allow for sustaining and improving watershed conditions. Conservative utilization levels are as follows:

<b>Upland</b>	Herbaceous:	30-40% of current year's growth
	Woody:	50% of current year's growth
<b>Riparian</b>	Herbaceous:	40% of plant species biomass (any species) and maintain 6-8 inches of stubble height on Deergrass
	Woody:	50% of leaders browsed on upper 1/3 plants up to 6 feet tall
<b>Mexican Spotted Owl PAC's (Where Applicable)</b>	20% optimum to 40% maximum Management Mexican Spotted Owl and Northern Goshawk habitats within the allotment are according to standards and guidelines in the Tonto NF Plan (pages 40-1 through 40-13).	

Utilization is measured at the end of the growing season, in key areas<sup>1</sup> for key forage species<sup>2</sup>. However, grazing intensity will be evaluated during the growing season in order to practice proactive management and make necessary management changes needed for plant development and recovery. Utilization measurements serve as only one piece of information that is considered when evaluating the effectiveness of allotment management. Utilization data will be coupled with other information such as vegetation condition, forage plant production and vigor, soil and watershed condition, and long term trends, in order to make informed management recommendations concerning pasture moves and stocking rates.

<sup>1</sup> Key areas are defined in the Tonto NF Plan (pg. 42-1) as being ¼ to 1 mile from water, located on productive soils on level to intermediate slopes, and be readily accessible for grazing.

<sup>2</sup> Key forage species are defined in the Tonto NF Plan (pg. 42-1) as plants chosen to be appropriate to monitor average allowable use.

#### **V. MONITORING**


Monitoring dates are tentative and some may not be required. Range personnel from the Payson District may contact you prior to monitoring visits. We encourage your participation in these inspections, as it provides an opportune time to discuss resource conditions and management items. VGS Monitoring may be conducted in the fall. A priority for monitoring may be based upon those allotments with forthcoming NEPA.

#### **VI. ADMINISTRATION**

The table below indicates the records submitted by the permittee to satisfy the Ownership Requirement portion of the permit. The permittee must hold ownership of the corporation (if applicable), deed for the base property, and brand associated with that permit for the entire term of the permit. Any

undocumented changes in ownership are a violation of the terms and conditions of your term grazing permit under Part 2, Sec. 7.

<b>Entity/Person(s) Designated as Permittee</b>	J Bar S Farms, Inc.		
<b>Base Property</b>	Deed Held By: J Bar S Farms, Inc. (APN 110-15-006A: Navajo County, Arizona, as described in Warranty Deed filed in 2230)		
<b>Brand</b>	Owner: J-S Farms, Inc.	#01712 <b>Expires: February 15, 2022</b>	

<b>Entity/Person(s) Designated as Permittee</b>	J Bar S Cattle, LLC.		
<b>Base Property</b>	Deed Held By: J Bar S Cattle, LLC. (APN 304-32-012B, Gila County, Arizona. As described in Warranty Deed filed in 2230)		
<b>Brand</b>	Owner: J Bar S Cattle, LLC.	#01712 <b>Expires: February 15, 2022</b>	

We request that you maintain records that reveal the number of livestock, date of entry, and the date of livestock leaving each pasture and submit them to us at the end of the grazing season.

**VII. SALT AND MINERAL BLOCK**

Salting may be used to aid in livestock distribution and management. Salting must be located no closer than ¼ mile from streams, rivers, riparian areas, trails, and known archaeological sites.

**VIII. RANGE IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE**

The permittee shall maintain all range improvements that are assigned for maintenance in the Term Grazing Permit. All work involving the use of heavy equipment will be accomplished only after prior approval of the Forest Officer in charge of the allotment. Always contact the District prior to beginning any work to check current fire restrictions.

POLE HOLLOW ALLOTMENT IMPROVEMENT WORK SCHEDULED			2022
PERMIT MODIFICATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	WORK PERIOD	COMMENTS
N/A	Cleaning of Limestone, Cracker Jack, Maverik Flat 1, Maverik Flat 2, Cedar Flat, Gould, Big, Pilot, Orion, Horsethief Bench and Monoceros Tanks	2022	Tanks may be cleaned anytime once dry and in ordnance with current fire restrictions. Work will be constrained to the existing footprint of the tank and will take place within the tank's basin. Access to and from tanks will use existing roads or two-tracks.

**IX. 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.

**X. ALLOTMENT INSPECTIONS**

Forest personnel may conduct periodic brief inspections of pastures within the allotment at any time to verify actual use, improvement conditions, or other non-range related activity.

**XI. PERMIT CONDITIONS**

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. The Doll Baby Administrative site may be used as needed for gathering, branding, shipping and other routine ranch operations.

Sincerely,

**MATTHEW PACIOREK** Digitally signed by MATTHEW PACIOREK  
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Matthew Paciorek  
District Ranger