

BRONCO ALLOTMENT
Management Plan
Cave Creek Ranger District
Tonto National Forest

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District Forest Ranger

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Forest Supervisor

Basic Description

The allotment consists of six pastures equaling approximately 8,000 acres. There are 7,300 acres which are considered suitable for grazing use. The bulk of the capacity is derived from the combined Cave Creek, Cottonwood and North Bronco pastures. The Sugarloaf, Skull and Wildcat pastures are the smaller of the six but have district management implications that will be addressed in subsequent parts of this plan.

The operation is to be winter seasonal use for six months, November 15 - May 15 each year by 65 head of cattle. Registered Brangus cows and bulls are permitted with calving occurring on the Forest generally scheduled from February through April. Branding and tagging is scheduled to be done on private lands when the cattle are moved off the Forest in May. However, it is permissible to carry out these tasks on the Forest as well. Pasture moves will be made once each winter season of use. The system will be a simple two pasture-deferred rotation involving Sugarloaf, Skull and Cave Creek pastures as one unit and the Cottonwood and North Bronco pastures combined to form the other unit. Gathering in the North Bronco pasture can be accomplished in Jack's holding pasture or by driving cattle onto private land to the south. Gathering in the westside unit can be accomplished in the Cottonwood Spring water lot and corral and the Cave Creek corral on FR #48.

The Wildcat pasture is isolated from the rest of the Forest portion of the allotment due to private lands. It is accessible from the ten acre base of operations in the northeast of Section 21, T6N, R5E. It is an area of little forage value and poorly watered. Limited use will be allowed during the permitted season of 11/15-5/15 when cattle are moved on and off the base property at the beginning and ending of each season of use. Use will not exceed two days in this pasture at either end of the permitted grazing season 11/15-5/15.

Allowable use under this season and system of use is set at 40% of the current year's perennial herbaceous forage crop. Move date will be tentatively scheduled mid-season around February 15. Actual date of move will be based on observed average actual use of the forage in the pasture first grazed. The system is schedule to repeat itself once before reversing the use sequence.

Goals and Objective of Management

1. Develop the Bronco range resource to its reasonably attainable potential.
2. Improve and maintain the environmental quality of the range by managing the grazing in harmony with the needs of other resources and their uses, and by exerting a favorable influence on associated private lands.

Management System

Two pasture-deferred rotation under a six month winter season of use (11/15-5/15) by 65 head of cows/bulls. Movement on and off Forest will be from

private lands to the south of the Carefree Ranch properties. (See form 2200-18, Management Unit Allocation, for graphic outline of this system).

Distribution Aids to be Employed

Sufficient developed and naturally occurring waters exist in each pasture of this allotment to achieve uniform distribution and use. Existing trails aid in this regard also. Salting will be used and a plan will be annually revised in the permittee instructions to help even out the habitually preferred use zones. It will be placed on areas of good feed at least $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away from water and in areas needing encouragement for more use. Interior fencing exists to implement this plan, however, a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile proposed extension of one interior division fence will probably be needed.

Range Improvements - Construction

1. Allotment/Forest boundary fence - 3 miles, FY 82-83.
2. Cave Creek/Cottonwood Division fence extension - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, FY 83.
3. Cave Creek cattle guard replacement, FY 81-82. Done.

No nonstructural improvements are scheduled.

Maintenance of Improvements

See attached CPO 2200-5 and special notes for specific improvements in need of maintenance.

Follow-up Action

Annual inspection will be made in conjunction with entry to or removal from the Forest in the fall or spring of each year. Annual permittee instructions will be issued prior to entry in the fall and will contain the current year's salting plan, pasture use sequence, move date and program of range development maintenance to be done.

Range allotment analysis and production and use surveys are not scheduled until the mid to late 80's due to higher priorities existing elsewhere on the District at this time. An established pattern and system of use under a revised number and season of use will have been the "on-the-ground" situation from January 1, 1982 up to the time of scheduled analysis and survey. This is a desirable situation to have immediately preceding survey.

Appendix

1. Map, shows pastures and management units
2. 2200-18, grazing system management outline
3. CPO 2200-5, list of range development and maintenance responsibilities

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2200-5 CPO
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NF (12) 09-29-75

PERMITEE NAME CAREFREE RANCH

CAVE CREEK

RD (1)

ALLOTMENT NO. 3

ALLOTMENT NAME BRONCO

N A M E	K I N D	IMP.NO.	UNITS	A S S I G N M E N T *
BRONCO FOR BDY FEN	FENCE, NFB	000159	14.0	Maintained by Bronco Permittee
BRONCO NR BDY FEN	FENCE, ABF	000160	1.0	Maintained by Bronco Permittee from Black Me to Forest Bdry.
BRONCO CART FEN	FENCE, ABF	000161	8.0	From Black Mesa to East side Skull Mesa, Mai by Bronco Permittee
BRONCO ST CLR FEN	FENCE, ABF	000162	7.0	Maint. by Bronco Permittee from private land to corner of St. Clair/Cartwright boundary.
CTNWD CONT DR FEN	FENCE, AI	000163	.3	Maintained by Bronco Permittee
SKULL MESA FEN	FENCE, AI	000164	2.3	" " " "
JACK PASTURE FEN	FENCE, AI	000165	.8	" " " "
HEAD OF CND	SPRING, DEV	000167		" " " "
SPRING, DEV	SPRING, DEV	000170		" " " "
CHALK SPRINGS	SPRING, DEV	000174		" " " "
# SUGAR LOAF SPS	SPRING, DEV	000175		" " " "
PALO CRISTO SPS	SPRING, DEV	000176		" " " "
BLACKBERRY SPS	SPRING, DEV	000177		" " " "
RANGER SP	SPRING, DEV	000179		" " " "
RACKSENSACK SP	SPRING, DEV	000180		" " " "
JACK SP	SPRING, DEV	000182		" " " "
CTNWD BASIN COR	CORRAL	000184		" " " "

* REFER ALSO TO MAP. YOUR ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES AS LISTED HERE ARE
UNDERScoreD IN COLOR ON THE MAP.

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INVENTORY & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY
NF (12) 00-29-75 PERMITEE NAME CAREFREE RANCH

CAVE CREEK

RD (1)

ALLOTMENT NO. 3

ALLOTMENT NAME BRONCO

NAME	KIND	IMP. NO.	UNITS	ASSIGNMENT *
BRONCO FENCE	FENCE, AI	000346	Book	Maintained by Bronco Permitee
RACKENSACK CORRAL	CORRAL	000358		Maintained by Bronco Permitee
ARRABTRA SPRING	SPRING, DEV	000359		" " " "
CAVE CREEK CORRAL	CORRAL	000362		" " " "
WILDCAT HILL FENCE	FENCE, AI	001966	.7	" " " "
BRONCO FENCE	FENCE, R/M	001979	.	" " " "
SUGAR SPRING	SPRING, DEV	002036		" " " "
SUGARLOAF FENCE	FENCE, AI	002037	.3	" " " "
JACK CORRAL	CORRAL	002083		" " " "
HEAD CORRAL	CORRAL	002084		" " " "
RANGER SPRING	SPR. DEV.	2049		" " " "
HIT & MISS SPRING	SPR., DEV.	2043		" " " "
ROCK TANK SPR	SPR., DEV.	2045		" " " "
COTTONWOOD CORRAL	CORRAL	2046		" " " "
COTTONWOOD SPRING	SPR. DEV.	2047		" " " "
SHORT FENCE, BRONCO	FENCE, AI	2048	.2	" " " "
NORTH BRONCO SPRING	SPR. DEV.	181		" " " "

ED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
Tonto National Forest
Cave Creek Ranger District

February 25, 1981

REPLY TO: 1950 NEPA
✓ 2210 Range Analysis and Plans
2-2-3d

SUBJECT: E.A.R. Bronco Allotment Draft Interim Management Plan
Yr 2/19/81 Memo

TO: Forest Supervisor, Tonto NF



The following revisions have been made to the subject documents to clarify the points itemized in your memo:

- 1) A matrix has been incorporated into the E.A.R. to help display the comparative rationale for the selection of the preferred alternative,
- 2) Allowable use wording has been changed to state "the current year's perennial herbaceous forage crop".
- 3) The proposal to make joint use of the allotment to address administrative pack and saddle stock needs has been deleted for the reasons so stated in your February 19, 1981 memo.

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Enclosures: 3 copies of E.A.R.

1 copy of Draft Management Plan

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