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**Date:** February 4, 2025

Bud Bercich  
Bercich Cattle Co.  
2911 Duquesne Road  
Patagonia, AZ 85624

Dear Mr. Bercich,

Enclosed are your 2025 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) and Grazing Bill for the Campini 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. Lastly, I would like to announce a change in leadership here at the Sierra Vista Ranger District. After nine years, Daisy Kinsey has accepted the District Ranger position in Reserve, NM on the Gila National Forest. We are excited to welcome our new District Ranger, Doug Ruppel who until recently was the Ranger on the Douglas District here on the Coronado National Forest. Should you have any questions, please contact Steve Bluemer at (520) 668-6367.

Sincerely,

DOUG RUPPEL  
District Ranger



**SIERRA VISTA RANGER DISTRICT  
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)  
Campini Allotment  
2025 Grazing Year**

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**I. AUTHORIZED USE:** The following numbers and classes of livestock are authorized to graze on the Campini Allotment:

| KIND   | CLASS        | NUMBER      | AUMs        | AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE |
|--------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Cattle | Cow/Calf     | 106         | 1176        | 03/01/2025 – 02/28/2025  |
| Cattle | Bulls        | 10          | 180         | 03/01/2025 – 02/28/2025  |
|        | <b>Total</b> | <b>108*</b> | <b>1356</b> |                          |

Notes: \* 8 head are authorized under Private Land Permit #503115  
AUMs are calculated as follows: Cow/Calf – 1.0 Bull – 1.5

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

| Pasture                  | Proposed Numbers | Proposed Season of Use  | Comments<br>(i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions) |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| West                     | 108              | 03/01/2025 – 04/30/2025 |   |
| Heifer/Bigelo/Dave Jones | 108              | 05/01/2025 – 06/30/2025 |   |
| Upper/Lower Mesa         | 108              | 07/01/2025 – 10/31/2025 |   |
| West                     | 108              | 11/01/2025 – 02/28/2026 |   |

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 ¼ 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 ensure 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   | 2025              |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| Permit Mod #                              | Improvement Type / ID #      | Completion Date | Description/Comments   | Status Done /Date |
|   |                              |                 |  |                   |
| Previous Year Improvement Accomplishments |                              |                 | YEAR   | 2024              |
| Permit Mod #                              | Improvement Type / ID #      | Completion Date | Description/Comments   |                   |
|   | Heifer/Bigelo Boundary Fence | 2024            | Reconstruction of fenceline between the Heifer and Bigelo pastures | Done              |

**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-2220-12), 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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DOUG RUPPEL  
District Ranger

  
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Date

ENCLOSE A COPY OF THIS BILL WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.  
DO NOT SEND CASH. PLEASE INCLUDE BILL NO. AND PAYER CODE  
NO. ON YOUR CHECK.  
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MAIL PAYMENT TO:  
**USDA Forest Service**  
**C/O US BANK**  
**P. O. BOX 6200-09**  
**PORTLAND, OR 97228-6200**  
OR PAY ONLINE AT [www.fs.usda.gov/billpay/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/billpay/)

USDA FOREST SERVICE

TO: **BERCICH CATTLE COMPANY**  
**2911 DUQUESNE RD**

**PATAGONIA AZ 85624**

PAYER INDICATE  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
2. NET AMOUNT DUE: \$ **2,307.15**  
3. DUE DATE: **02/21/25**  
4. BILL NUMBER **BR030503AF003**  
5. PAYER CODE: **0003292361**

6. AGREEMENT NO: CONTRACT NO:

7. DESCRIPTION:

8. REMARKS:

Permittee #: **R00479**  
PLEASE MAIL THE WHITE COPY OF THE BILL WITH PAYMENT, THE  
PURPLE COPY IS FOR YOUR RECORDS.

9. PRINCIPAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
10. INTEREST: \$ .00  
11. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS \$ .00  
12. PENALTY: \$ .00  
13. AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
14. AMOUNT CREDITED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
15. NET AMOUNT DUE: \$ **2,307.15**

NOTE:  
PLEASE SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE, INQUIRIES, AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO:

**SIERRA VISTA RANGER DISTRICT 520-378-0311**  
**CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST**  
**4070 SOUTH AVENIDA SARACINO**  
**HEREFORD, AZ 85615**

FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT BY THE DUE DATE WILL RESULT IN THE ASSESSMENT OF LATE PAYMENT CHARGES (INTEREST, ADMINISTRATIVE COST, AND/OR PENALTY CHARGES) IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR CONTRACT, PERMIT, OR THE DEBT COLLECTION ACT OF 1982, AS AMENDED. POSTMARKS ARE NOT HONORED. LATE FEES DO NOT APPLY FOR BILLINGS IN ADVANCE OF RECEIPT OF GOODS OR SERVICES.

LANDS UNTIL GRAZING FEES SPECIFIED ON THE BILL FOR COLLECTION ARE PAID.

2025 GRAZING SEASON FEE: CATTLE @ \$ 1.35/hm

| FROM | TO      | LIVESTOCK<br>NO KIND CLASS | ALLOTMENT NAME | HEAD<br>MONTHS | AMOUNT      |
|------|---------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 3/ 1 | - 2/ 28 | 142 Cattle CC              | CAMPINI        | 1709           | \$ 2,307.15 |

**Total 1,709 \$ 2,307.15**

| 16. ORG | 17. JOB  | 18. AMOUNT  | 16. ORG | 17. JOB | 18. AMOUNT | 16. ORG | 17. JOB | 18. AMOUNT |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|------------|
| 0305    | D8023F25 | \$ 2,307.15 |         |         |            |         |         |            |