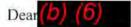


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Enclosed are your 2020/2021 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Coal Mine Allotment for the use period of 10/01/2020-03/31/2021. As discussed last year, the Coal Mine Allotment will now be billed once per year in February/March when the grazing fees are announced, and the bill will include use for the entire grazing year which runs March 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

Sincerely.

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## SIERRA VISTA RANGER DISTRICT CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (AOI) Coal Mine Allotment 2020 -2021 Grazing Year

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

| KIND   | CLASS    | NUMBER | AUMs | AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE |
|--------|----------|--------|------|--------------------------|
| Cattle | Cow/Calf | 50     | 300  | 10/01/2020 - 03/31/2021  |
|        | Total    | 50     | 300  |                          |

#### **II. ROTATION SCHEDULE:**

Cattle will be turned out in the northern end of the allotment and allowed to drift south as utilization and/or water availability dictate. Actual dates may vary dependent upon climatic conditions, utilization levels, and available livestock water.

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 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 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.

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 Y       | ear Improvement Schedul    | e                  | YEAR   | /EAR 2020-2021                                  |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| Permit<br>Mod # | Improvement<br>Type / ID # | Completion<br>Date |  | Description/Comments                            | Status<br>Done /Date |
| 318028          |                            | 2020               | Complete installation of new SW Whetstone Water System. All<br>work will be done in conjunction with the Coal Mine and<br>Mescal Allotment Permittees. |   | In Progress          |
|                 | 318028                     | 2021               | Fly in two additio<br>Whetstone water s  | nal storage tanks and troughs for the SW system | Planning             |

## **VI. 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.

### VII. 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 2002, 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 copies of 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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11/4/2020