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BASE PROPERTY

Base Property is land owned and used by the permittee for a farm or ranch operation and cannot be leased to another entity. Base property shall include basic livestock management facilities. The permittee will immediately notify the Forest Officer in charge of any change in control of base property. The following land parcel is recognized as base property for the permit:

Acreage	Legal Location	Property Assessed to:
38.5 acres	Described as 38.5 acres of H.E.S. 398 located in Sections 27 and 28, Township 10 South, Range 21 West, N.M.P.M, Catron County, New Mexico	Spur Ranch LLC

ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

(From direction found in the Decision Notice 12/05/1995)

The Coyote-Whitmer and Turkey Creek allotments have been combined for livestock management. The Coyote-Whitmer allotment consists of the Little Creek, Luna Lake, Dump, Whitmer, East Coyote and the West Coyote pastures. The Turkey Creek allotment is one pasture with three small holding pastures. A deferred grazing system is in place where each pasture will receive permitted livestock use at different periods of the summer growing season, July 15 to September 15 and the early warm season dormant season of September 15 to October 31. Livestock use on the Turkey Creek allotment should not exceed the permitted 254 AUMs. Livestock use on the Coyote-Whitmer allotment should not exceed the permitted 676 AUMs.

Within the Turkey Creek allotment, livestock are not permitted in Campbell Blue Creek and the area south of the creek to the allotment boundary. A pasture interior fence was completed in 1999 on the north side of Campbell Blue Creek from the allotment boundary fence with the Lower Campbell Blue allotment downstream to private land. Additionally in 2011, a drift fence was constructed in sec. 19 near the Falls to prevent livestock from dropping down into Campbell Blue Creek.

When livestock enter Little Creek, Luna Lake, or Dump pastures on 7/15, the herd will enter the allotment from the east. Salting and herding techniques will be employed to keep cattle outside a 2-mile radius of the Southwest Willow Flycatcher (SWWFC) nesting sites until 7/31 unless determined otherwise through time & site-specific monitoring. The affected area appears in the table below and is displayed on the range improvement map. If it is determined that the SWWFC nests are not occupied on any year, these restrictions could possibly be omitted for that grazing season.

Pasture & acres	Pasture acreage within 2 miles of SWWFC nesting site, affected during the 7/15-31 end-of-breeding-season period	% of pasture affected 7/15-31
Little Creek 4,729	81	1.7%
Dump 1,574	30	1.9%
Luna Lake 609	9	1.5%

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Utilization Guidelines:

Management is based on utilization in key areas, now termed *critical areas*, which are typically riparian and meadow areas (key upland areas, representative of the pasture as a whole, may also be monitored) - for definitions see 2005 U of A Principles publication. Because critical areas can vary based on time of year and growing season, and on pasture sequence, critical areas are not identified here but may be specified in the AOI.

If utilization standards are met or exceeded prior to the end of the pasture use period, livestock will be required to be moved to the next scheduled pasture or removed from National Forest System Lands if no other pastures remain on the current year's annual operating instructions. Grazing utilization measurements may be conducted prior to livestock entering a pasture and at the midpoint or sooner date. If utilization guidelines are met or exceeded in key (or critical) areas prior to cattle entering a scheduled pasture, livestock grazing may be deferred.

Utilization by weight applied as what is now termed *seasonal-* or *point-in-time* use (end-of-season utilization may also be monitored). Maximum seasonal use levels for management are:

- No more than 20% utilization by weight on riparian forage and browse
- No more than 40% utilization by weight on upland forage and browse
- No more than 20% utilization average by weight in forested areas within goshawk territories on grasses and forbs
- No more than 40% utilization average by weight in forested areas within goshawk territories on browse
- No more than 20-40% utilization by weight on forage and browse within Mexican Spotted Owl (MSO) critical habitat.

Grazing utilization measurements will be recorded on key forage plants in key/critical grazing areas. Key forage plants are defined as:

- (1) Forage species (plants) whose use serves as an indicator to the degree of use of associated species.
- (2) Those species (plants) which must, because of their importance, be considered in the management program" (SRM 1974).

Best Management Practices

- Diligent herd riding to locate livestock to areas where actual grazing use is less than the utilization standard.
- Salt placement is not to be within ¼ mile of any water or riparian area and should instead be placed in areas where actual grazing use is less than the utilization standard. Salt blocks, mineral concentrates or other supplements will be strategically placed to help distribute livestock away from water sources, improvements, riparian areas, high use recreation sites and trails, and roads. Supplements are a tool to enhance overall livestock distribution and utilization patterns.

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- Keeping gates closed.
- Assigned range improvements will be maintained to a functional condition.

Other Practices

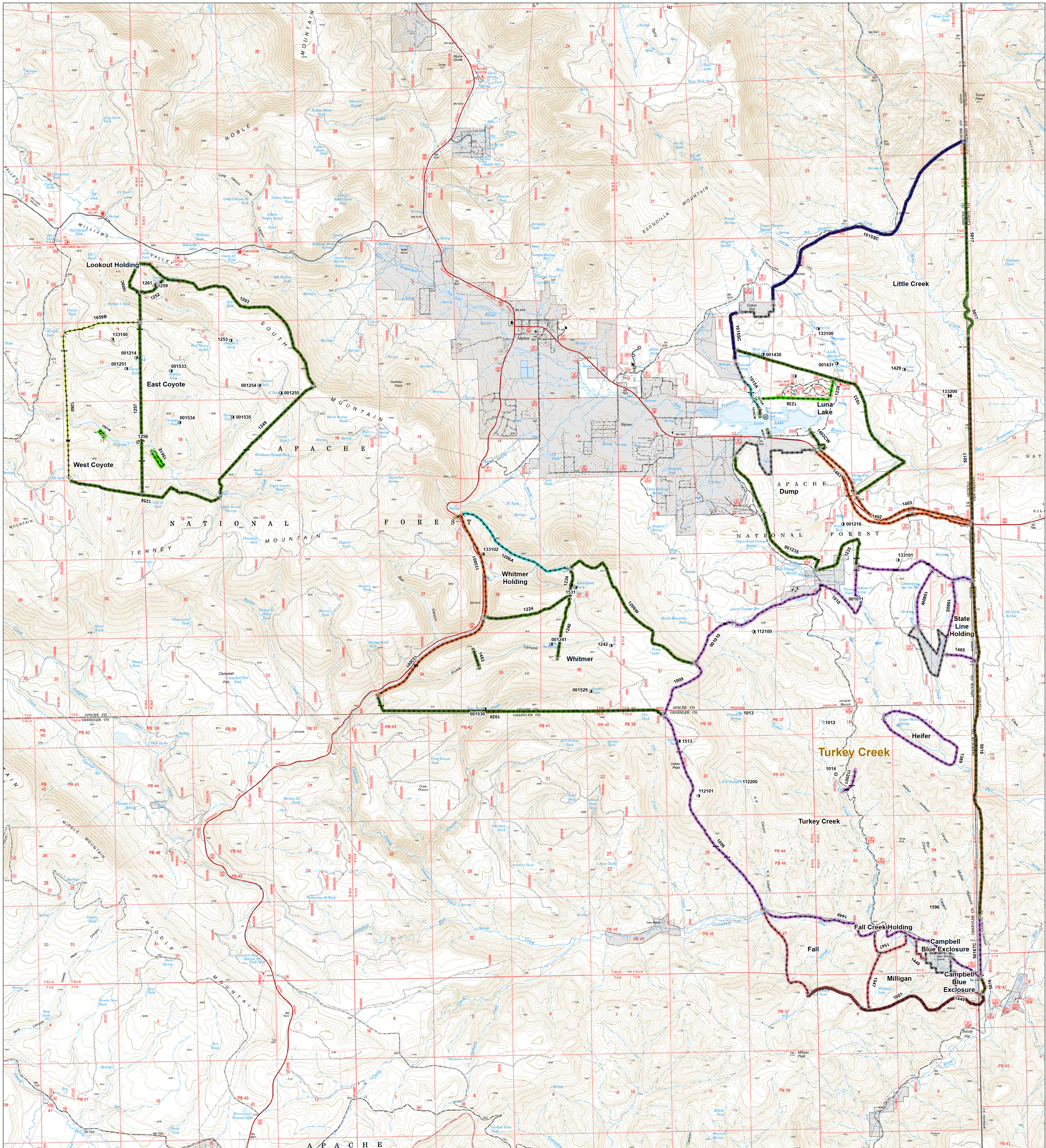
- Ground Disturbing Activity. The permittee will obtain written permission from the Forest Officer in charge of the allotment prior to implementing any ground disturbing activity. Cultural resource surveys and clearances may be needed prior to activity.
- Drought Guidelines. Stocking during and after drought will be adjusted in compliance with FSH 2209.13, Chapter 10, 19.1.
- Stocking and Burn Areas. Stocking during and after wildfire and other disturbances will be adjusted in compliance with R3 Supplement FSH 2209.13, Chapter 10, 19.2 – 19.4.

Range Improvements

COYOTE – WHITMER/ TURKEY CREEK FENCES

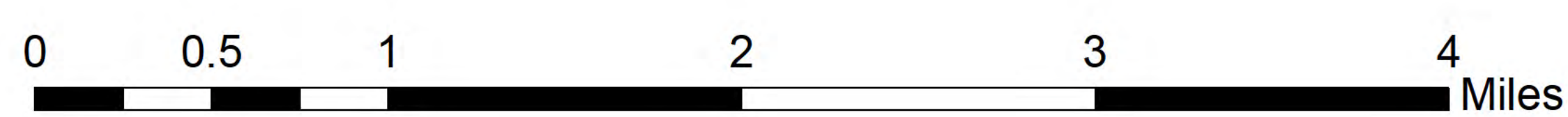
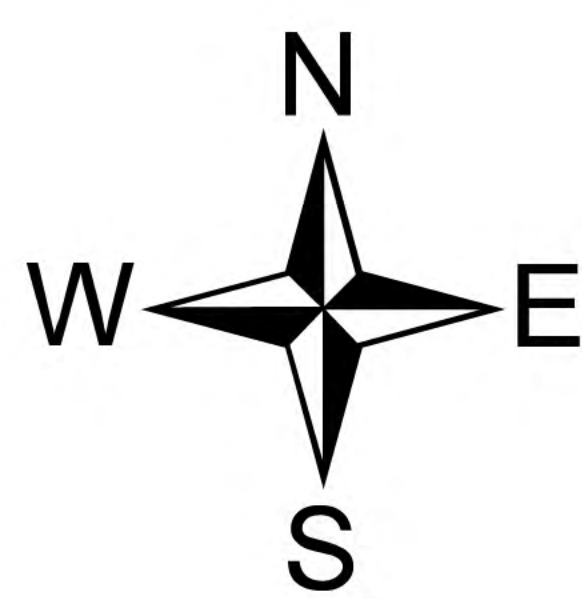
Many of fences on these allotments have exceeded their life expectancy and require reconstruction. The permittee and District Ranger will identify fences requiring reconstruction and negotiate a schedule. All allotment fences are to be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering National Forest Lands. Livestock will not be permitted to enter the Forest until fences have been properly maintained to ensure fences are adequate to hold livestock. Maintenance specifications for fencelines are:

- All trees across the fence will be cut and removed from fence right-of-way
 - Broken or rotten posts will be replaced with steel, juniper, or treated wood posts > 5” diameter
 - Settled steel posts will be jacked up to functional height and bent or leaning posts straightened
 - Brace posts will be maintained in tight and serviceable condition
 - The top wire will not exceed 42” from the ground
 - The bottom wire will be double strand, barbless 12 guage wire at least 16” from the ground
 - All wires will be stretched to remove slack but will not be over-tightened
 - Broken wire will be spliced with double strand, 12 guage barbed or smooth wire
 - 90% of fence stays will be sound, good quality 1 ½ -3” diameter with bottom touching ground
 - Missing staples and fence clips will be replaced
 - Gate stays will be sound, good quality 2-3” diameter wood with smooth wire for gate loops
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Coyote Whitmer and Turkey Creek Allotments Permit Map

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Legend

-----	Barrier	-----	Maintenance Responsibility
←→←→	Fence	-----	AZ ADOT
⊠	Trick Tank	-----	Alpine Permittee
∩	Trough	-----	Bobcat-Johnson Permittee
⊙	Well	-----	Boneyard Permittee
⊙	Tank	-----	Coyote-Whitmer Permittee
⊙	Corral	-----	Forest Service
— —	Gate	-----	NM Luna Permittee
⊠	Cattleguard	-----	Private Land Owner
⊙	Spring	-----	Stone Creek Permittee
		-----	Turkey Creek Permittee
		-----	unassigned