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Rockin Four Ranch

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The following are your 2019 annual operating instructions for your allotment.

Authorized Use Below are authorized livestock numbers per grazing unit, anticipated use dates, and proposed monitoring dates. Please fill out a *Modification of AOI* form in advance of the proposed dates and request approval. Please maintain and submit records that indicate your compliance to permitted use.

Grazing Unit	Dates of Use	Monitoring Date	Authorized Livestock	Rationale/Comments
Yearlings: 434 head				
Upper Big	3/1/2019 to 4/09/2019		239 yearlings	
Lower Big	4/10/2019 to 5/5/2019		239 yearlings	
Lower Steer	3/1/2019 to 4/26/2019		195 yearlings	
South Steer	4/27/2019 to 5/26/2019		195 yearlings	
Herd A: 133 head				
Hicks	3/1/2019 to 4/19/2019		120 cows 13 bulls	
Rip	4/20/2019 to 6/14/2019		120 cows 13 bulls	
Kenny	6/15/2019 to 8/16/2019	6/25/2019	120 cows 13 bulls	
Holly	8/17/2019 to 10/4/2019	10/3/2019	120 cows 13 bulls	
West	10/5/2019 to 12/20/2019		120 cows	Bulls moved to Yellow pasture
Lower Devore	12/21/2019 to 2/29/2020		120 cows	



Herd B: 110 head				
Hope	3/1/2019 to 5/10/2019		100 cows 10 bulls	
Horseshoe	5/11/2019 to 8/23/2019		100 cows 10 bulls	
East Ortega	8/24/2019 to 11/30/2019		100 cows	Bulls moved to Yellow pasture. Provide Range Staff with pasture scheduled after 12/1/2019.
Herd C: 200 head				
Windmill	3/1/2019 to 5/24/2019		70 cows 8 bulls	
Horseshoe	5/26/2019 to 8/30/2019	7/16/2019	70 cows 8 bulls	
Upper Shute	8/31/2019 to 12/20/2019	10/15/2019	70 cows 8 bulls	Bull moved to Yellow 11/2. Provide Range Staff with pasture scheduled after 12/1/2019.
Bulls				
Yellow	11/2/2019 to 2/29/2020		30 bulls	

Range Improvement Maintenance: All range improvements must be maintained to Forest Service standards (available at District Office) before cattle will be allowed to enter pastures. It is your responsibility to be aware of and comply with fire restriction.

Pasture	Location	Description of Work	Clearances Needed
West Ortega pasture	Install new barriers along Salt River	Install new fencing	Currently in Allotment Analysis.

Monitoring:

Upland utilization is measured at the end of the growing season in key areas for key forage species. This information, along with vegetation condition, forage plant production and vigor, soil and watershed condition, will be used to make informed management recommendations concerning pasture moves and stocking rates.

Riparian utilization in key reaches is measured during growing season to verify residual vegetation is present for streambank protection during flow events.

Grazing intensity will be evaluated during the growing season to make necessary changes needed for plant development and recovery.

Last year the drought affected everyone. Although rain has come more regularly in the last 6 months, be aware that forage production this year may be stunted due to our most recent drought.

Allowable Use Standards:

Vegetation	Use Threshold
Upland herbaceous species	30-40% of current year's growth
Upland browse species	50% of current year's growth

Salting, Supplements, and Attractants: In most cases, salt must be located no closer than ¼ mile from streams, rivers, riparian areas, trails, and known archaeological sites. Protein blocks, nutritional supplement, and other attractant may be authorized prior to use. No supplemental feeding is authorized, such as hay.

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Wages, Range Staff at 928-402-6222, or 480-291-4500, or ajwages@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



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