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Rocking Four Ranch

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Dear [REDACTED]

The following are your 2022 annual operating instructions (AOI) 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. You are authorized 250 adult cattle and 22 bulls yearlong, with 150 yearlings from 1/1/2022 to 5/31/2022.

Grazing Unit	Dates of Use	Monitoring Date
<u>Herd A: 85 Cows</u>		
Upper Schute	3/1/2022 to 3/31/2022	3/15/2022
Windmill	4/1/2022 to 7/18/2022	6/15/2022
Upper Big	7/19/2022 to 9/10/2022	8/15/2022
Upper Steer	9/11/2022 to 12/15/2022	11/15/2022
Upper Schute	12/16/2022 to 2/28/2023	2/1/2023
<u>Herd B: 75 Cows</u>		
Horseshoe	3/1/2022 to 6/25/2022	5/15/2022
Hope	6/26/2022 to 9/29/2022	9/1/2022
East Ortega	9/30/2022 to 12/17/2022	11/15/2022
West Ortega	12/18/2022 to 2/28/2023	2/1/2023
<u>Herd C: 90 Cows</u>		
Lower Devore	3/1/2022 to 3/15/2022	2/15/2022
Kenney/ Holly	3/16/2022-9/30/2022	5/15/2022, 8/15/2022
Murphy/ Rip*	10/1/2022-12/16/2022 Tentative	9/15/2022 (Ecological Inspection, Fire recovery), 11/15/2022
Hick's	12/17/2022 to 2/28/2023	2/1/2023
<u>Herd D: 22 Bulls</u>		
Upper Big	3/1/2022 to 4/10/2022	3/15/2022
Yellow	4/11/2022 to 2/28/2023	6/15/2022, 11/15/2022
<u>Herd E: 150 Yearlings</u>		
Lower Big	3/1/2022 to 4/30/2022	3/15/2022

* Murphy and Rip pastures will be inspected prior to cattle use for post-fire ecological recovery. If sufficient recovery has not occurred, an AOI modification and alternate plan will be required.



Range Improvement Maintenance: All range improvements must be maintained to Forest Service standards, available at District Office or in your AMP, as stated in your term grazing permit. Stock Tank cleaning is authorized provided there is a forest service road or motorized vehicle trail to said stock tank, and only until fire restrictions begin. You must contact Ryan Summers or Jamie Wages 1 week prior to cleaning each tank to receive final clearance. Absolutely no exemptions will occur once fire restrictions begin.

Pasture	Location	Description of Work	Clearances Needed
Rip, Murphy, Kenney, Holly, Tonto Basin boundary	Allotment (#224093) & all Pasture fences,	Repair All fences prior to cattle use	None
Hope & Ortega pastures	Sedow Boundary fence, #224102	Repair allotment boundary fence under permit responsibilities prior to cattle use	None

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.


Allowable Use Standards:

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

Salting, Supplements, and Attractants: In most cases, salt and supplement tubs must be located no closer than ¼ mile from streams, rivers, riparian areas, trails, and known archaeological sites. No supplemental feeding is authorized, such as hay.

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Wages, Range Staff, at 480-291-4500, andrea.wages@usda.gov or Ryan Summers at 928-242-6125, ryan.summers@usda.gov.

Sincerely,


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