

**DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)
Hunt Canyon and Pedregosa Allotments
2021 Grazing Year**

The annual validation for your term grazing permit has been approved for the following numbers and season:

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

Authorized Use

Allotment	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	# of Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrlng	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Hunt Canyon	3/1/2021	4/15/2021	46	112		7			182	180
Hunt Canyon	10/1/2021	2/28/2022	151	132		7			697	690
Hunt Canyon	3/1/2021	2/28/2022	365					6	86	72
Pedregosa	3/1/2021	6/1/2021	93	112		7			368	364
Pedregosa	9/1/2021	9/30/2021	30	132		7			138	137
Pedregosa	4/1/2021	9/1/2021	154	71		6			396	390
Total									1868	1833

Non-Use

Allotment	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	# of Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrlng	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Hunt Canyon	3/1/2021	2/28/2022	365		15				180	180
Pedregosa	3/1/2021	2/28/2022	365		119				1428	1428
Total									1608	1608

Reason: Range Improvement due to the drought

Proposed Rotation

Pasture	Acres in Pasture	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	# of Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrlng	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Pedregosa											
Buck Creek/Saner		3/1/2021	6/1/2021	93		112	7			368	364
Indian Creek		4/1/2021	6/3/2021	64		71	6			165	162
Halfmoon		6/4/2021	9/1/2021	90		71	6			231	228
High Lonesome		9/1/2021	9/30/2021	30		132	7			138	137
Hunt Canyon											
Doane		3/1/2021	4/15/2021	46		112	7			182	180
Deer Mountain		10/1/2021	12/20/2021	81		132	7			374	370
Bruno		12/21/2021	2/28/2022	70		132	7			323	320
Horse		3/1/2021	2/28/2022	365					6	86	72
Applied For									1868	1833	
Permitted									4953	4200	

Livestock rotation will occur as listed in the table above if conditions allow. See the detailed rotation description below. If you should need to deviate from this rotation schedule by more than two weeks, please notify the 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, unless specifically mentioned in the rotation schedule.



The proposed rotation for the Hunt Canyon cattle herd gives the Hunt Canyon allotment March 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021 deferrment to allow for recovery from the 2020 drought. The described rotation plan is completely dependent on water availability and sufficient forage availability.

The Hunt Canyon herd of 112 cows and 7 bulls will utilize the Pedregosa allotment Buck Creek and Saner Pastures along with Hunt Canyon allotment Doane Pasture for the time period of February 28, 2021 to June 1, 2021 (93 days). The cattle will water at Saner Spring (Pedregosa allotment), Cox Place Spring (private) and the Buckhorn Headquarters well source (private) in the Buck Creek pasture and the Doane pastures Saner Spring (Hunt Canyon allotment) at the same time. These pastures share three gates on the fence line between the Hunt Canyon and the Pedregosa Allotment. By allowing the cattle to drift between these pastures it will help the cattle locate in the Buck Creek and Saner pastures, where they have never been before.

During the period of June 2, 2021 to August 31, 2021 (91 days), the aforementioned livestock will be removed from both allotments and placed on adjacent state land.

From September 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021 (31 days) the same livestock will return to the Pedregosa allotment and be placed in the High Lonesome pasture and will be joined by 20 bred replacement heifers that were originally weaned from the Hunt Canyon herd.

From October 1, 2021 to December 20, 2021 (81 days), these cattle will be located in the Hunt Canyon allotments Deer Mountain Pasture. On December 21, 2021, the same cattle will be moved to the Bruno pasture, where they will remain until February 28, 2022 (69 days).

Up to six horses will be kept in the Horse pasture of the Hunt Canyon allotment, but most likely won't remain there for the entire year.

A separate herd of 51 pairs, 20 heifers and 6 bulls will be considered as livestock used for validation on the newly acquired Pedregosa allotment. It is understood that, due to the extreme drought we are currently in and the poor condition most of the range improvements are in on the Pedregosa allotment, validation of the full permitted 196 head may take several years.

This 77 head of livestock will be placed in the Indian Creek pasture on April 1, 2021 and will remain until June 3, 2021 (63 days). These cattle will predominantly water at the newly created water lot at the Forest boundary near the state land Indian Creek well and Riddle Tank. On June 4, 2021 these same livestock will be moved to the Halfmoon pasture and will remain until September 1, 2021 (88 days).

Halfmoon Pasture 51 cows, 6 bulls, 20 - J Bar A Ranch LLC heifers saved as replacements for 2021.

Again, it is completely understood that this plan is contingent on rainfall and resource conditions, and is likely to be modified throughout the year. Please keep in close contact with the range management personnel at the Douglas Ranger District if any modifications occur.

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:

Many of the range improvements on the Pedregosa allotment are in need of repair or replacement. Also, much of the allotment management is contingent on the adjacent private and state land improvements that are also in disrepair. Your list of proposed improvement maintenance will be filed with this AOI and kept as a record of your proposed improvement work.

You have also mentioned several improvements that you intend to work on on the Hunt Canyon allotment. These are summarized below:

- Replace the existing fence between the Doane and the High Lonesome pastures.
- Reconstruct the Saner spring box and install a new sediment filter to prevent sand from accumulating in the plumbing downstream.

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.

VI. 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-2200-12), 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.

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.

Keep this copy of the Annual Operating Instruction for your personal files. Thank you.
Sincerely,



DOUG RUPPEL
District Ranger

PROPOSED USE 2021 – HUNT CANYON & PEDREGOSA ALLOTMENT (J BAR A RANCH LLC) – Detailed Breakdown to coincide with Form 2/Year 2021

The following PROPOSED USE rotation for the cattle herd belonging to J Bar A Ranch LLC/Hunt Canyon Allotment for 2021 gives the Hunt Canyon Allotment March 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021 to recover and regenerate from the 2020 drought. All of this planning hinges on water availability and climate.

Existing J Bar A Ranch LLC herd from Hunt Canyon Allotment - 112 cows and 7 bulls.

****February 28, 2021 to June 1, 2021 (93 days)**

Pedregosa Buck Creek Pasture and Saner Pasture – *with* Hunt Canyon Allotment
Doane Pasture

Utilizing Saner Spring, Cox Place Spring and the Buckhorn Headquarters well source in Buck Creek and Doane Saner Spring with twin poly tanks, at the same time. These pastures share three gates on the fence line between the Hunt Canyon Allotment and the Pedregosa Allotment. We are going to open the gates and help the cattle locate in the Buck Creek and Saner pastures.

We will be able to brand at the Buckhorn headquarters in lower Buck Creek.

****June 2, 2021 to August 31, 2021 (91 days)**

Pedregosa State Land South Canyon Pasture with Hunt Canyon Allotment 112 cows, 7 bulls.

At this point, this herd will be removed from both Forest Allotments, utilizing the adjacent State Land and Private for 3 months, granting the allotments a thorough chance of an uninterrupted growing season and the chance to recover from the 2020 lack of moisture and growth.

****September 1 to October 1 (31 days)**

Pedregosa High Lonesome pasture with 112 cows, 7 bulls and 20 bred replacement heifers saved from 2020 J bar A ranch LLC/Hunt Canyon Allotment herd.

****October 1 to December 20, 2021 (81 days)**

Hunt Canyon Deer Mountain Pasture with 112 cows, 7 bulls and 20 bred replacement heifers saved from 2020 J Bar A Ranch LLC/Hunt Canyon Allotment herd and relocated on the Hunt Canyon Allotment.

****December 21, 2021 to February 28, 2022 (69 days)**

Bruno – 132 cows and 7 bulls

J Bar A Ranch LLC Pedregosa Validation Herd:

With the allotted AUMS for the Pedregosa Allotment being 196 and with the current drought conditions and lack of water resource availability, we are asking to be allowed to only introduce 77 head of newly owned cattle the first year of use on the Pedregosa allotment. This partial use designation will help to manage the resources during the drought.

****April 1, 2021 to June 3, 2021 (63 days)**

Indian Creek Pasture with J Bar A Ranch LLC new cattle. 51 cows, 6 bulls, 20 - J Bar A Ranch LLC heifers saved as replacements for 2021.

Water source is water lot at Indian Creek Well on State Land and Riddle Tank.
(Pre-brand calves in State Land new corrals).

****June 4, 2021 to September 1, 2021 (88 days)**

Halfmoon Pasture 51 cows, 6 bulls, 20 - J Bar A Ranch LLC heifers saved as replacements for 2021.

NOTE: If we have a good spring on the lower Buckhorn State Land

****September 2-5**

Move 51 cows and their calves and 6 bulls back to State land/lower Indian Creek.

Move 20 J Bar A Ranch LLC replacement heifers to Pedregosa High Lonesome pasture, to rejoin the herd they originated from at 2020 weaning.