

**DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT  
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)  
Hunt Canyon and Pedregosa Allotments  
2023 Grazing Year**

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

**I and II. 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	# Yrling	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Hunt Canyon	3/1/2023	2/29/2024	366	135		8			1740	1721
Hunt Canyon	3/1/2023	2/29/2024	366					6	87	72
Pedregosa	3/1/2023	5/15/2023	76	94		10			265	260
Pedregosa	7/16/2023	11/1/2023	109	94		10			380	373
Pedregosa	12/31/2023	2/29/2024	61	114		10			253	249
<b>Total</b>									<b>2724</b>	<b>2674</b>

**Non-Use**

Allotment	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	# of Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrling	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Hunt Canyon										
Pedregosa										
<b>Total</b>									<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Reason: NA

**Proposed Rotation**

Pasture	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	# of Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrling	Horse	AUMs	HMs
<b>Pedregosa</b>										
Buck Creek	3/1/2023	5/15/2023	76	80	14	10			265	260
Off Forest (State Land)	5/16/2023	7/15/2023	61							
High Lonesome	7/16/2023	9/30/2023	77	94		10			268	263
Indian Creek	10/1/2023	11/1/2023	32	94		10			112	109
Off Forest (State Land)	11/2/2023	12/30/2023	59							
Halfmoon/ High Lonesome	12/31/2023	2/29/2024	61		114	10		20	301	289
<b>Hunt Canyon</b>										
Bruno	3/1/2023	3/15/2023	15	8	127	8			71	71
Johns	3/16/2023	5/15/2023	61	90	45	8			290	287
Doane	5/16/2023	7/15/2023	61	110	15	8			270	267
High Lonesome	7/16/2023	9/15/2023	62	110	15	8			274	271
Deer Mtn./House	10/16/2022	10/31/2023	381	110	15	7			1671	1653
Deer Mtn./House	11/1/2023	12/15/2023	45	10	110	8			192	189
Bruno	12/15/2023	2/29/2024	77	10	110	8			328	324
Horse	3/1/2023	2/29/2024	366					6	87	72
<b>Applied For</b>									<b>4129</b>	<b>4056</b>
<b>Permitted</b>									<b>4953</b>	<b>4200</b>



Livestock rotation will occur as listed in the table above if conditions allow. The described rotation plan is completely dependent on water availability and sufficient forage availability, and is subject to change greatly throughout the grazing year. 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 is similar to previous years, and is considered full permitted numbers. 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.

It is understood that, due to persistent drought conditions 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.

Due to the severe drought during the summer of 2020 we all experienced in this region, changes to various types of management were needed in most cases. Although most locations had abundant moisture during the monsoon seasons of 2021 and 2022, there may be lasting effects of drought that are impacting your allotment. Please keep the natural resource conditions in the forefront of your mind when making management decisions that affect your allotment, and please keep the range staff here at the Douglas District well informed of any deviation from your proposed plan.

### **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:

<b>Previous Year Improvement Accomplishments</b>				
<b>Permit Mod #</b>	<b>Improvement Type / ID #</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Description/Comments</b>	<b>Status Done /Date</b>
	Hunt Canyon/Water Development	2022	Reconstruct the Saner spring box and install a new sediment filter to prevent sand from accumulating in the plumbing downstream. Install 3000 gallon storage and trough	Done
	Pedregosa/Water Development	2022	Pipeline from private land headquarters well 2 mile routed to Cox Place private land. 10000 gallon water storage and trough at cox place.	Done
	Hunt Canyon/Fence	2022	Replace the existing fence between the Doane and the High Lonesome pastures	Done

<b>Current Year Improvement Schedule</b>				
<b>Permit Mod #</b>	<b>Improvement Type / ID #</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Description/Comments</b>	<b>Status Done /Date</b>
	Hunt Canyon/Water Development		New Submersible pump at Saner Spring water development.	
	Pedregosa/Water Development		Expansion of pipelines potentially	
	Pedregosa/Water Development		Pipeline from headquarters to soon to be installed private water lot on the SE end of Halfmoon allowing cow to water there.	
	Pedregosa/Water Development		High Lonesome spring development	
	Pedregosa/Fence		Ride and repair all existing fences on the Pedregosa allotment.	

	Pedregosa/Water Development		Investigate Halfmoon well. If made working, install pipeline to Indian creek pasture with trough at the end. Install trough halfway down pipeline. Install ¾ mile of pie to SW corner of High Lonesome Pasture. Install 1500 gallon storage with booster pump feel 10000 gallon storage between halfmoon and buck creek. Install pipline to trough on N end of Buck Creek pasture and to trough SE end of High Lonesome	
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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.

Management direction applies as specified in the September 27, 2019 Amended Biological Assessment for Coronado National Forest Livestock Grazing Program and the September 30, 2021 Biological Opinion on Ongoing Grazing on the Coronado National Forest.

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

DOUG RUPPEL  
District Ranger

ENCLOSE A COPY OF THIS BILL WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.  
DO NOT SEND CASH. PLEASE INCLUDE BILL NO. AND PAYER CODE  
NO. ON YOUR CHECK.  
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

USDA FOREST SERVICE

MAIL PAYMENT TO:  
**USDA Forest Service**  
**C/O US BANK**  
**P. O. BOX 6200-09**  
**PORTLAND, OR 97228-6200**  
OR PAY ONLINE AT [WWW.FS.USDA.GOV/BILLPAY/](http://WWW.FS.USDA.GOV/BILLPAY/)

TO: **J BAR A RANCH LLC**  
**PO DRAWER 1039**

PAYER INDICATE  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. NET AMOUNT DUE: \$ **3,609.90**

3. DUE DATE: **03/01/23**

4. BILL NUMBER **BR030501AD009**

5. PAYER CODE: **0003309062**

**DOUGLAS AZ 85608**

6. AGREEMENT NO: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRACT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

7. DESCRIPTION:

8. REMARKS:

**Permittee #: J BAR A**

**Please pay at URL at right or use enclosed green envelope.**

9. PRINCIPAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. INTEREST: \$ **.00**

11. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS \$ **.00**

12. PENALTY: \$ **.00**

13. AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

14. AMOUNT CREDITED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

15. NET AMOUNT DUE: \$ **3,609.90**

NOTE:

PLEASE SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE, INQUIRIES, AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO:

**DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT 520-364-3468**  
**CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST**  
**1192 W. SADDLEVIEW ROAD**  
**DOUGLAS, AZ 85607**

FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT BY THE DUE DATE WILL RESULT IN THE ASSESSMENT OF LATE PAYMENT CHARGES (INTEREST, ADMINISTRATIVE COST, AND/OR PENALTY CHARGES) IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR CONTRACT, PERMIT, OR THE DEBT COLLECTION ACT OF 1982, AS AMENDED. POSTMARKS ARE NOT HONORED. LATE FEES DO NOT APPLY FOR BILLINGS IN ADVANCE OF RECEIPT OF GOODS OR SERVICES.

LIVESTOCK OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED BY THE PERMITTEE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTERED LANDS UNTIL GRAZING FEES SPECIFIED ON THE BILL FOR COLLECTION ARE PAID.

2023 GRAZING SEASON FEE: HORSE @ \$ 1.35/hm CATTLE @ \$ 1.35/hm

FROM	TO	NO	LIVESTOCK KIND	CLASS	PERMIT TYPE	ALLOTMENT NAME	HEAD MONTHS	AMOUNT
3/ 1	- 2/ 29	135	Cattle	CC	TERM	HUNT CANYON	1624	\$ 2,192.40
3/ 1	- 2/ 29	8	Bull	Bull	TERM	HUNT CANYON	96	\$ 129.60
3/ 1	- 2/ 29	6	Horse	Horse or Mule	TERM	HUNT CANYON	72	\$ 97.20
3/ 1	- 5/ 15	94	Cattle	CC	TERM	PEDREGOSA	235	\$ 317.25
3/ 1	- 5/ 15	10	Bull	Bull	TERM	PEDREGOSA	25	\$ 33.75
7/ 16	- 11/ 1	94	Cattle	CC	TERM	PEDREGOSA	337	\$ 454.95
7/ 16	- 11/ 1	10	Bull	Bull	TERM	PEDREGOSA	36	\$ 48.60
12/ 31	- 2/ 29	114	Cattle	CC	TERM	PEDREGOSA	229	\$ 309.15
12/ 31	- 2/ 29	10	Bull	Bull	TERM	PEDREGOSA	20	\$ 27.00
<b>Total</b>								\$ <b>3,609.90</b>
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2023 GRAZING SEASON FEE: HORSE @ \$ 1.35/hm CATTLE @ \$ 1.35/hm

Total Head Months : 2,674

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