

**SIERRA VISTA RANGER DISTRICT  
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)  
Lone Mountain and Duquesne Allotments  
2025 Grazing Year**

**I. AUTHORIZED USE:**

The following numbers and classes of livestock are authorized to graze on the Duquesne Allotment:

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	AUMs	AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE
Cattle	Cow/Calf	30	360	03/01/2025 – 02/28/2026
Cattle	Bulls	65	146	03/01/2025 – 04/15/2025
Cattle	Bulls	65	488	10/01/2025 – 02/28/2026
	<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>994</b>	

Notes: AUM factors: Cow/Calf 1.0; Bull 1.5.

Bulls go to the Lone Mountain Allotment 04/16 – 09/30.

**Non-use is approved as follows on the Duquesne Allotment:**

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	AUMs	DATES OF NON-USE	NON-USE APPROVED FOR (REASON)
Cattle	Cow/Calf	31	372	03/01/2025 – 02/28/2026	Resource Protection, lack of precipitation
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>372</b>		

The following numbers and classes of livestock are authorized to graze on the Lone Mountain Allotment:

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	AUMs	AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE
Cattle	Cow/Calf	566	6792	03/01/2025 – 02/28/2026
Cattle	Bulls	65	536	04/16/2025 – 09/30/2025
	<b>Total</b>	<b>631</b>		

Notes: AUM factors: Cow/Calf 1.0; Bull 1.5;

**II. ROTATION SCHEDULE (Duquesne Allotment):** Actual dates may vary dependent upon climatic conditions, when utilization levels are reached and time required to remove cattle.

Pasture	Proposed Numbers	Proposed Season of Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
		<b>Cows</b>	
Upper Mowry	30	03/01/2025 – 05/31/2025	
Apache	30	06/01/2025 – 07/31/2025	
Seprell	30	08/01/2025 – 09/30/2025	
South Mowry	30	10/01/2025 – 10/31/2025	
Haristeen	30	11/01/2025 – 11/15/2025	
Horse Trap	30	11/16/2025 – 11/30/2025	
L & J	30	12/01/2025 – 02/28/2025	
		<b>Bulls</b>	
Callahan	65	03/01/2025 – 04/15/2025	
Lone Mountain Allotment	0	04/16/2025 – 09/30/2025	Bulls go to Lone Mountain Allotment
Santo Nino	65	10/01/2025 – 11/15/2025	
Duquesne	65	11/16/2025 – 01/15/2026	
Breeding	65	01/16/2026 – 02/28/2026	

**ROTATION SCHEDULE (Lone Mountain Allotment):** Actual dates may vary dependent upon climatic conditions, when utilization levels are reached and time required to remove cattle.

#### P.O. Herd

Pasture	Proposed Numbers	Proposed Season of Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
Paloma	259	03/01/2025 – 04/15/2025	Cows
Neighbor Springs	259 + 32	04/16/2025 – 06/15/2025	Cows + Bulls
Upper Menefee	259 + 32	06/16/2025 – 07/15/2025	Cows + Bulls
75	259 + 32	07/16/2025 – 07/31/2025	Cows + Bulls
Scotia	259 + 32	08/01/2025 – 08/15/2025	Cows + Bulls
Hidden Water	259 + 32	08/16/2025 – 09/15/2025	Cows + Bulls
Tank	259	09/16/2025 – 10/31/2025	Cows
Parker	259	11/01/2025 – 12/15/2025	Cows
Jones Mesa	259	12/16/2025 – 02/28/2026	Cows

#### Sunnyside & Lone Mountain Herd

Pasture	Proposed Numbers	Proposed Season of Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
Grubstake	307	03/01/2025 – 03/15/2025	Cows
Bootjack	307	03/16/2025 – 03/31/2025	Cows
South	307 + 33	04/01/2025 – 04/30/2025	Cows + Bulls (on 4/16)
West	307 + 33	05/01/2025 – 05/31/2025	Cows + Bulls
Lower Menefee	307 + 33	06/01/2025 – 06/30/2025	Cows + Bulls
Upper Joaquin	307 + 33	07/01/2025 – 07/31/2025	Cows + Bulls
Lone Mountain	307 + 33	08/01/2025 – 09/30/2025	Cows + Bulls (off 9/15)
Peterson	307	10/01/2025 – 11/30/2025	Cows
Lower Joaquin	307	12/01/2025 – 12/15/2025	Cows
Wakefield	307	12/16/2025 – 02/28/2026	Cows

If you should need to deviate from this rotation schedule by more than two weeks, please notify this 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.

#### 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:**

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. Vehicular access to range improvements listed in the term grazing permit is authorized for routine maintenance. Vehicular access is also approved for the construction of any new improvements not yet listed in the term grazing permit.

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.

**Lone Mountain Allotment**

Current Year Improvement Schedule			YEAR	2025
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
	Heifer Well 326075	TBD	This well has collapsed and needs to be redrilled. Dependent upon funding.	
	Happy Jack pipeline 326153	Planning	Pipe from D'Albani Well to the West pasture is in need of replacement. Dependent upon funding	Planning
	Yaqui Well	2025	Permittee is currently working on replacing solar pump	In progress
	D'Albani Well Storage Tank	2025	Steel storage tank is leaky and in need of repair/patch. Permittee will contact Virden Perma-Bilt Co. for recommendations and attempt repair this year	Planning
	Bootjack/Grubstake Fence 326050	2025	Fence is in need of reconstruction. If funds become available, plans should be made to reconstruct.	Planning
Previous Year Improvement Accomplishments			YEAR	2024
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
	Lone Mt Well pipeline extensions	2024	Three pipeline extensions were installed from Lone Mt well going to Jaoquin, Mesa, and Lone Mt Tanks. Waterlots were built/reinforced at tanks	Done

**Duquesne Allotment**

Current Year Improvement Schedule			YEAR	2025
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
	Rhubarb Well 342036	2025	This well is shared with Lochiel permittee. Well is planned to be converted to solar and will be cost shared between Duquesne permittee, neighboring permittee and FS (if funds are available).	Planning
Previous Year Improvement Accomplishments			YEAR	2024
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
			No major maintenance reported	

**VI. ROADS:**

Vehicular access on established roads can be essential for structural range improvement maintenance, supplement placement and general ranch duties. Any open road to the public (road on Motor Vehicle Use Map- *MVUM*) may be used at any time for any reason. The

use of other established roads must be authorized within the Term Grazing Permit or in the Annual Operating Instructions. Cross country may be authorized by written permission from the District Ranger. Vehicular access is authorized on the following Forest Service inventoried roads not on the MVUM:

Road Number (From TMR Maps)	Reason for Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
4726-spur 5	Improvement Access	Lone Mountain Allotment
4755-4761	Improvement Access	Lone Mountain Allotment
48-0.74R-1	Improvement Access	Lone Mountain Allotment
227-1.70R-1	Improvement Access	Lone Mountain Allotment
5701-0.6R-1	Improvement Access	Lone Mountain Allotment
4727-1.13L-5	Improvement Access	Lone Mountain Allotment
5777-0.42R-1	Improvement Access	Lone Mountain Allotment
4733-Dan Tank	Improvement Access	Lone Mountain Allotment
4732-4734	Improvement Access	Lone Mountain Allotment
4015-1.12L-1	Improvement Access	Duquesne Allotment
4718-0.05R-1	Improvement Access	Duquesne Allotment
134-3.61L-1	Improvement Access	Duquesne Allotment
214-2.09R-1	Improvement Access	Duquesne Allotment

#### **VII. 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.

#### **VIII. 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.

#### **IX. 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.


In 2021, the Forest consulted with the US Fish & Wildlife Service about on-going grazing activities and the impacts they may have on threatened and endangered species. You have been provided a copy of the Biological Opinion (BO). Please pay particular attention to the sections pertaining to the species on your allotment. If you need new copies, please contact this office. Please pay particular attention to the terms and conditions and conservation recommendations for each species.

To continue to meet Biological Opinion requirements for enclosures across the district, we are requiring that when your livestock are grazing pastures bordering an enclosure, you must ensure that:

- 1.) enclosure fences are functional upon livestock entry to these pastures, and
- 2.) you check and repair enclosure fences every two weeks when your livestock are in a pasture adjacent to an enclosure.

The Lone Mountain Allotment has several enclosures: Bear, Lone Mt, Peterson Pond, Mudspring, Wakefield, and Sycamore. Cattle are not allowed in these enclosures and should still be checked for cattle presence when livestock are in adjacent pastures. If Livestock use has occurred in an enclosure, please notify the district with specifics of the incident.

  
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District Ranger

  
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