## SIERRA VISTA RANGER DISTRICT CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)

# Lone Mountain and Duquesne Allotments 2023 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           | 125    | 1500 | 03/01/2023 - 02/28/2024  |
| Cattle | Bulls (North Herd) | 7      | 42   | 05/01/2023 - 08/31/2023  |
| Cattle | Bulls (South Herd) | 7      | 42   | 05/01/2023 - 08/31/2023  |
|        | Total              | 139    | 1584 |                          |

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

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

| 1      |                       |        |      |                          |
|--------|-----------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|
| KIND   | CLASS                 | NUMBER | AUMs | AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE |
| Cattle | Cow/Calf              | 398    | 4776 | 03/01/2023 - 02/28/2024  |
| Cattle | Bulls                 | 41     | 738  | 03/01/2023 - 02/28/2024  |
| Cattle | Bulls (from Duquesne) | 14     | 42   | 03/01/2023 - 04/30/2023  |
| Cattle | Bulls (from Duquesne) | 14     | 126  | 09/01/2023 - 02/28/2024  |
|        | Total                 | 453    | 5682 | 1                        |

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<br>Numbers | Proposed Season of Use  | Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions) |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                | 1                   | North Herd              |  |
| L&J            | 62                  | 03/01/2023 - 04/30/2023 | Cows   |
| Upper Mowry    | 62 + 7              | 05/01/2023 - 06/30/2023 | Cows + Bulls   |
| Lower Mowry    | 62 + 7              | 07/01/2023 - 08/31/2023 | Cows + Bulls   |
| Apache         | 62                  | 09/01/2023 - 09/30/2023 | Cows   |
| Sepprel        | 62                  | 10/01/2023 - 11/15/2023 | Cows   |
| South Mowry    | 62                  | 11/16/2023 - 12/15/2023 | Cows   |
| Harristeen     | 62                  | 12/16/2024 - 02/28/2024 |  |
|                |                     | South Herd              |  |
| Finley & Adams | 63                  | 03/01/2023 - 04/15/2023 | Cows   |
| Duquesne       | 63 + 7              | 04/16/2023 - 07/15/2023 | Cows + Bulls (on 05/01)  |
| Santo Nino     | 63 + 7              | 07/16/2023 - 10/15/2023 | Cows + Bulls (off 09/01)                                       |
| Callahan       | 63                  | 10/16/2023 - 12/15/2023 | Cows   |
| Breeding       | 63                  | 12/16/2023 - 12/31/2023 | Cows   |
| Finley & Adams | 63                  | 01/01/2024 - 02/28/2024 | Cows   |

<sup>\*10</sup> cattle are authorized under Private Land Permit.

<sup>\*\*</sup> These 14 bulls are from the total 98 used between the two allotments, included in the head count for Lone Mountain

**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 (173 C/c, 18 Bulls)

| Pasture          | Proposed<br>Numbers | Proposed Season of Use  | Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions) |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Tank             | 173                 | 03/01/2023 - 03/31/2023 | Cows   |
| Hidden Water     | 173                 | 04/01/2023 - 04/30/2023 | Cows   |
| Heifer           | 173 + 18            | 05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023 | Cows + Bulls   |
| Neighbor Springs | 173 + 18            | 06/01/2023 - 07/31/2023 | Cows + Bulls   |
| Parker           | 173 + 18            | 08/01/2023 -09/30/2023  | Cows + Bulls (off 09/01)                                       |
| Jones            | 173                 | 10/01/2023 - 12/15/2023 | Cows   |
| Paloma           | 173                 | 12/16/2023 - 02/28/2024 | Cows   |

Sunnyside Herd & Lone Mountain Herd (225 C/c, 23 Bulls)

| Pasture            | Proposed<br>Numbers | Proposed Season of Use  | Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions) |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Peterson           | 225                 | 03/01/2023 - 03/31/2023 | Cows   |
| 75                 | 225                 | 04/01/2023 - 04/30/2023 | Cows   |
| Upper Menefee      | 225 + 23            | 05/01/2023 - 06/15/2023 | Cows + Bulls   |
| Lower Joaquin      | 225 + 23            | 06/16/2023 - 07/17/2023 | Cows + Bulls   |
| Lone Mountain      | 225 + 23            | 07/16/2023 - 08/31/2023 | Cows + Bulls   |
| Upper Joaquin      | 225                 | 09/01/2023 - 09/30/2023 | Cows   |
| West               | 225                 | 10/01/2023 - 12/15/2023 | Cows   |
| Bull/Lower Menefee | 225                 | 12/16/2023 - 01/15/2024 | Cows   |
| Peterson           | 225                 | 01/16/2024 - 02/28/2024 | Cows   |

<sup>\*</sup>When Lone Mountain and Duquesne bulls are not with the cows, they go to the Bull Pasture on the Lone Mountain Allotment.

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.

To continue to meet Biological Opinion requirements for exclosures across the district, they need to be inspected at a minimum of three times a year. The Lone Mountain Allotment has the Bear Creek, Van Horn, Lone Mountain, Scotia, and Mud Spring exclosures.

We are asking you as the permittee to take note of the following topics when you visit the exclosure(s) and report the status of them on the attached Exclosure Monitoring Form.

- Date of Inspection
- Status of Fence (up or down)
- % of Fence Inspected
- · Livestock use observed
- Level of livestock use (if observed)
- If livestock use did occur, what is the estimate of how long livestock were in exclosure.

If Livestock use has occurred in an exclosure, please notify the district with specifics of the incident.

## 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 Sched                | ule             | YEAR                                    | 2023  |          |  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|----------|--|
| Permit<br>Mod # | Improvement<br>Type / ID #            | Completion Date | Desc                                    | Status<br>Done /Date  |          |  |
|                 | Heifer Well 326075                    | 2023            | plans to pull and<br>After repairs to   | This well has been producing poorly. Permittee has plans to pull and well and scope and/or clean out.  After repairs to well, proposed plans to extend pipelines into neighboring pastures to new drinkers. |          |  |
|                 | Happy Jack pipeline 326153            | Planning        |   | ani Well to the West pasture is in ed of replacement.   | Planning |  |
|                 | Yaqui Well                            | Planning        | Plans to repl                           | lace pump with solar pump   | Planning |  |
|                 | D'Albani Well<br>Storage Tank         | 2023            | Replace the                             | Replace the D'Albani Well storage tank  |          |  |
|                 | Bootjack/Grubstake<br>Fence 326050    | 2023            |   | f reconstruction. If funds become should be made to reconstruct.  | Planning |  |
|                 | Lone Mountain Well Pipeline Extension | 2023            | Extend pipelines to additional waters v | In progress   |          |  |
|                 | Peterson Spring Pipeline              | Planning        |   | Develop a system from Peterson Spring south into the pasture, use existing or install new pipeline.   |          |  |
| Previous        | Year Improvement Accor                | nplishments     | YEAR                                    | 2022  |          |  |
| Permit<br>Mod # | Improvement Type / ID #               | Completion Date | Desc                                    | Description/Comments  |          |  |
|                 | Grubstake/80 Fence 326052             | Planning        | Fence needs recavailable, plans         | Done  |          |  |
|                 | Sycamore Spring Exclosure Fence       | 2022            | FS provided all ma<br>Sycamore          | Done  |          |  |

**Duquesne Allotment** 

| Current Ye      | ear Improvement Sche       | dule            | YEAR   | YEAR 2023                     |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Permit<br>Mod # | Improvement<br>Type / ID # | Completion Date |  | Description/Comments          |  |  |  |
|                 | Rhubarb Well<br>342036     | 2024            | This well is shaplanned to be shared between | Planning                      |  |  |  |
| Previous Y      | ear Improvement Acco       | omplishments    | YEAR   | 2022                          |  |  |  |
| Permit<br>Mod # | Improvement<br>Type / ID # | Completion Date |  | Status<br>Done /Date          |  |  |  |
|                 |                            |                 | No n   | No major maintenance reported |  |  |  |

#### VI. ROADS:

Vehicular access on established roads can be essential for structural range improvement maintance, supplement placement and general ranch duities. 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<br>(From TMR Maps) | Reason for Use       | Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 4726-spur 5                    | Improvement Access   | Lone Mountain Allotment  |
| 4757                           | Fence reconstruction | 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.

| USDA FOREST S<br>BILL FOR COLLE |  | 1. BILL DATE: 03/02/23 PAGE:   |                        |        |         |    |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|--------|---------|----|--|--|
|                                 | ILL WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. E INCLUDE BILL NO. AND PAYER CODE  LE 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/ |                        |        |         |    |  |  |
| TO: J BAR S RANCH, LLC.         |  | F  |                        |        |         |    |  |  |
| PO BOX 1418                     |  | 2. NET AMOUNT DUE: \$ 9,363.60   |                        |        |         |    |  |  |
| LAMAR                           | CO 81052   | 3. D   |                        |        |         |    |  |  |
|                                 |  | 4. BILL NUMBER BR030503AD022   |                        |        |         |    |  |  |
| 1-1                             |  | 5. PAYER CODE: 0003309070  |                        |        |         |    |  |  |
| 6. AGREEMENT NO:                | CONTRACT NO:   | 7. D   | ESCRIPTION:            |        |         |    |  |  |
| 8. REMARKS:                     | 111111111111111111111111111111111111111  |  | 9. PRINCIPAL:          | \$     |         |    |  |  |
| Per                             | mittee #: JBARSRANCH   |  | 10. INTEREST:          | \$     | ).      | 00 |  |  |
| PLEASE MAIL THE WI              | HITE COPY OF THE BILL WITH PAYMENT, TH   | IE PINK  | 11. ADMINISTRATIVE COS | TS: \$ | ).      | 00 |  |  |
| COPY IS FOR YOUR K              | ECORDS.  |  | 12. PENALTY:           | \$     | ).      | 00 |  |  |
|                                 |  |  | 13. AMOUNT DUE:        | \$     |         |    |  |  |
|                                 |  |  | 14. AMOUNT CREDITED:   | \$     |         |    |  |  |
|                                 |  |  | 15. NET AMOUNT DUE:    | \$     | 9,363.6 | 30 |  |  |

NOTE:

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

SIERRA VISTA RANGER DISTRICT CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST 4070 SOUTH AVENIDA SARACINO

HEREFORD, AZ 85615

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.

520-378-0311

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

|      |   |       |     | LIVE   | ESTOCK | PERMIT | ALLOTMENT     | HEAD   |                |
|------|---|-------|-----|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| FROM |   | TO    | NO  | KIND   | CLASS  | TYPE   | NAME          | MONTHS | AMOUNT         |
| 3/ 1 | • | 2/ 28 | 125 | Cattle | CC     | TERM   | DUQUESNE      | 1500   | \$<br>2,025.00 |
| 3/ 1 |   | 2/ 28 | 398 | Cattle | CC     | TERM   | LONE MOUNTAIN | 4776   | \$<br>6,447.60 |
| 5/ 1 |   | 8/ 31 | 14  | Bull   | Bull   | TERM   | DUQUESNE      | 57     | \$<br>76.95    |
| 3/ 1 |   | 2/ 28 | 41  | Bull   | Bull   | TERM   | LONE MOUNTAIN | 492    | \$<br>664.20   |
| 3/ 1 | À | 4/ 30 | 14  | Bull   | Bull   | TERM   | LONE MOUNTAIN | 28     | \$<br>37.80    |
| 9/ 1 |   | 2/ 28 | 14  | Bull   | Bull   | TERM   | LONE MOUNTAIN | 83     | \$<br>112.05   |
|      |   |       |     | Total  |        |        |               |        | \$<br>9,363.60 |
|      |   |       |     |        |        |        |               |        | \$<br>9.363.60 |

| 2023  | GRAZING S   | SEASON FEE:       | CATTLE @ | § \$1.35/hm |         |            | Ţ | otal Head Months : | 6,936      |  |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|----------|-------------|---------|------------|---|--------------------|------------|--|
| 16. O | RG   17. JO | )В   18. <i>А</i> | AMOUNT   | ∥16. ORG    | 17. JOB | 18. AMOUNT |   | 16. ORG   17. JOB  | 18. AMOUNT |  |
| 0305  | D8023I      | F23 \$            | 9,363.60 |             |         |            |   |                    |            |  |