

OAK TREE II

ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Nogales Ranger District
Coronado National Forest
Pima County, Arizona

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Allotment Description and Background

The Oak Tree II grazing allotment contains approximately 2,590 acres of land suitable for livestock grazing within 2,830 acres of National Forest System land along the east side of the Santa Rita Mountains.

The Forest Plan identifies one management area on the allotment.

Management Area 4 emphasis is for a sustained harvest of livestock forage and fuelwood, while maintaining and improving game animal habitat.

Goal:

Manage livestock to obtain sustainable multiple use resource objectives that are compatible with the standards and guidelines in the Forest Plan and the principles of ecosystem management.

Objectives:

Ensure the proper use of water resources.

Ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

Ensure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act.

Ensure compliance with the Coronado National Forest Land Management Plan.

Improve watershed condition.

Sustainable vegetation conditions.

Grazing Program

The season of use for this allotment is year-long. The actual pasture rotation sequence will be included in each year's annual operating instructions. The following items will be considered during annual operating instruction development:

Maximum utilization levels will be established for each pasture annually, based on management objectives and season of use. Livestock will be removed from a pasture before the maximum utilization level is reached in key areas. The maximum allowable utilization level in key monitoring areas will not exceed 35 percent during the growing season and 45 percent during the dormant season.

Water and/or forage availability may require adjustments in livestock movement patterns.

Salt and supplement blocks will be used to help control livestock movements. Both will be placed away from water and other low areas where livestock tend to congregate. Salt and supplement areas will be moved periodically to help move livestock, to keep utilization levels within desired levels and to limit destabilization of soil structure.

Range Improvements

Routine maintenance of existing improvements will occur.

Monitoring

Key areas will be established and guidelines for use in these areas will be established annually during development of annual operating instructions.

Utilization will initially be monitored by the Permittee and a Forest officer. After both parties believe the Permittee is competent to visually monitor the areas, s/he will be responsible for monitoring and determining livestock movements.

Annual inspections will be completed by a Forest officer to ensure desired management goals and objectives are being attained.

Administrative Decisions

The District Ranger will determine the class of permitted livestock, number of permitted livestock and season of use; based on resource issues, management objectives and the management goal. The District Ranger will review these decisions periodically (annual minimum) and make any adjustments necessary to guarantee consistency with the Coronado Forest Land Management Plan, this allotment management plan or any new legal requirements.

INVENTORY and MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

Coronado National Forest (05), Nogales Ranger District (02)

Permittee Name : Sarah E. Barchas

Allotment Name : Oak Tree II

Allotment Number: 201

NAME	KIND	IMP. NO.	UNITS	ASSIGNMENT
Greaterville Well and Storage	Well, Storage, Pump	000014		
Kentucky Camp Well	Well, Pump	000015		
Greaterville Division Fence	Fence AI	000016	1.5 mi.	
Greaterville Riparian Fence	Fence AGF	000017	.5 mi.	
Los Pesos Stock Tank	Dam/Reservoir	000018		
Pipeline	PVC Pipe	000019	4.0 mi.	