

**SIERRA VISTA RANGER DISTRICT
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)
Papago-O'Donnell and Sawtelle Allotments
2025 Grazing Year**

I. AUTHORIZED USE:

A. The following numbers and classes of livestock are authorized to graze on the **Papago-O'Donnell** Allotment:

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	AUMs	AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE
Cattle	Cow/Calf	305	3660	03/01/2025 – 02/28/2026 (Papago)
Cattle	Cow/Calf	130	1105	06/16/2025 – 02/28/2026 (O'Donnell)
	Total	435	4765	

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

B. The following numbers and classes of livestock are authorized to graze on the **Sawtelle** Allotment:

KIND	CLASS	NUMBER	AUMs	AUTHORIZED SEASON OF USE
Cattle	Cow/Calf	130	455	03/01/2025 – 06/15/2025
Cattle	Cow/Calf	60	510	06/16/2025 – 02/28/2026
	Total	60	965	

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

A. Papago-O'Donnell Allotment Rotation:

Pasture	Proposed Numbers	Proposed Season of Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
O'Donnell Portion			
Far	130	06/16/2025 – 09/15/2025	
Bull	130	09/16/2025 – 10/15/2025	
Upper Pauline	130	10/16/2025 – 01/15/2025	
Lower Pauline	130	01/16/2025 – 02/28/2026	
Papago Portion (Cows)			
East Mountain	220	03/16/2025 – 05/15/2025	
West Mountain	220	05/16/2025 – 07/15/2025	
Papago	220	07/16/2025 – 08/31/2025	
Middle	220	09/01/2025 – 10/15/2025	
Cave/Weaning	220 + 85	10/16/2025 – 10/30/2025	Cows + Heifers
Lampshire	220 + 85	11/01/2025 – 02/15/2026	Cows + Heifers
Pinto	220 + 85	02/16/2026 – 02/28/2026	Cows + Heifers
Papago Portion (Heifers)			
Collie	85	03/01/2025 – 04/30/2025	
Mac Wood	85	05/01/2025 – 06/15/2025	
Mail Box	85	06/16/2025 – 06/30/2025	
Cordon	85	07/01/2025 – 08/31/2025	
Rincon	85	09/01/2025 – 10/15/2025	Heifers join cow herd

B. Sawtelle Allotment Rotation:

Pasture	Proposed Numbers	Proposed Season of Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
Silver Tank	130	03/01/2025 – 04/15/2025	
Becker	130	04/16/2025 – 06/15/2025	130 cows moved to O'Donnell
Howell	60	06/16/2025 – 08/15/2025	
Whitney	60	08/16/2025 – 09/30/2025	
Private	60	10/01/2022 – 11/15/2025	
Mountain	60	11/16/2025 – 02/28/2026	

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 ensure 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.

Current Year Improvement Schedule			YEAR	2025
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
			Permittee is going to rebuild the corrals on Papago between the North and Middle Pastures.	In Progress
Previous Year Improvement Accomplishments			YEAR	2024
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
			Corrals have been built at Western Well	Done
			Permittee has replaced many wire gates with steel swing gates across both allotments	Near completed
			Permittee has replaced many storage tanks and troughs across both allotments	
			Permittee has cleaned out most dirt tanks on the allotments	Done

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 TAP Maps)	Reason for Use	Comments (i.e. Use Standard, special concerns or instructions)
4610-1.63L-1	Access to Improvement	
4615-2.23R-1	Access to Improvement	
4615	Access to Improvement	
5620	Access to Improvement	
5628	Improvement Maintenance	
4889-0.05L-1	Supplement Placement	
4889-1.55R-1	Improvement Maintenance	
83-17.31L-1	Allotment Management	
5620	Allotment Management	
N/A	Water system maintenance	You are authorized to check the water in the Round Up pasture via the road in Sec 33, T21S, R17E. This access occurs off of Road Number 4623-1.00L-1.

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.



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District Ranger



Date