

**File Code:** 2210  
**Date:** February 9, 2022

Pinto Valley Mining

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The following are your 2022 annual operating instructions (AOI) for your allotment.

**Authorized Use:** You are authorized 228 adult cattle and 18 bulls yearlong and 18 yearlings 1/1/2022 to 5/31/2022. Please fill out a *Modification of AOI* form in advance of the proposed dates and request approval. Please maintain and submit records that indicate your compliance to permitted use.

Grazing Unit	Dates of Use	Monitoring Date
<b><u>Herd A: 114 Cows, 9 bulls, 9 yearlings</u></b>		
Mormon	3/1/2022 to 4/15/2022	3/31/2022
East/ Bull	4/15/2022 to 9/1/2022	6/15/2022
Horrel	9/1/2022 to 1/15/2023	12/1/2022
Apache	1/15/2023 to 2/28/2023	TBD
<b><u>Herd B: 114 Cows, 9 bulls, 9 yearlings</u></b>		
Bell	2/28/2022 to 4/8/2022	3/1/2022
Haunted/ JK/ Registered	4/8/2022 to 7/22/2022	6/15/2022
Pinto Peak	7/22/2022 to 12/7/2022	11/15/2022
Pinto Creek	12/7/2022 to 2/28/2023	2/15/2023



**Range Improvement Maintenance:** All range improvements must be maintained to Forest Service standards, available at District Office or in your AMP, as stated in your term grazing permit. Stock Tank cleaning is authorized provided there is a forest service road or motorized vehicle trail to said stock tank, and only until fire restrictions begin. You must contact Ryan Summers or Jamie Wages 1 week prior to cleaning each tank to receive final clearance. Absolutely no exemptions will occur once fire restrictions begin.

Pasture	Location	Description of Work	Clearances Needed
Hospital, JK, Registered	Pinto Creek Boundary fence, #82017 and portion of #1473 that crosses Pinto Creek.	Continual Maintenance of fencing from monsoon flooding	None
Apache	FR312 &FR305	Flooded Roadway Repair	Follow specifications in September 7, 2021, emergency roadway maintenance letter.

**Allowable Use Standards**

Vegetation	Use Threshold
Upland herbaceous species	30-40% of current year's growth
Upland browse species	50% of current year's growth
Riparian herbaceous species	Limited to 40% of plant species biomass and maintain 6-8 inches of stubble height on deergrass
Riparian woody species	Limited to 50% of leaders browsed on upper 1/3 of plants up to 6 feet tall

**Monitoring:** Upland utilization is measured at the end of the growing season in key areas for key forage species. This information, along with vegetation condition, forage plant production and vigor, soil and watershed condition, will be used to make informed management recommendations concerning pasture moves and stocking rates. Riparian utilization in key reaches is measured during growing season to verify residual vegetation is present for streambank protection during flow events.

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Wages, Range Staff, at 480-291-4500, [andrea.wages@usda.gov](mailto:andrea.wages@usda.gov) or Ryan Summers at 928-242-6125, [ryan.summers@usda.gov](mailto:ryan.summers@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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District Ranger