

**DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)**

**Reppy Allotment
2024 Grazing Year**

I. AUTHORIZED USE: The annual validation for the term grazing permit has been approved for the following numbers and season:

Authorized Use

Allotment	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrlng	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Reppy	3/1/2024	7/1/2024	123	80					324	324
Total									324	324

*Higher number for shorter season than permit. Actual livestock numbers will be 120 head, with 66% on Forest (80 head)

Non-Use

Allotment	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrlng	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Reppy										
Total									0	0

120 head of livestock is the maximum number that can be stocked for the specified season of use above without exceeding permitted use. Since the Reppy allotment represents approximately 66% of the pasture to be stocked, 80 head represents the maximum allowed stocking rate for the Reppy allotment.

This represents full permitted numbers. It is understood that the Reppy allotment is an on/off grazing allotment, and livestock may travel across the forest boundary. However, actual use on the Forest portions of the pasture should not exceed the stocking rate shown above. It is also understood that due to lack of permanent livestock water on the Forest Service portion, livestock use is typically very light to non-existent, even during the growing season.

Due to the ongoing drought we all are experiencing in this region, changes to various types of management are needed in most cases. Please keep the natural resource conditions in the forefront of your mind when making management decisions that affect your allotment, and please keep the range staff here at the Douglas District well informed of any deviation from your proposed plan.

Please be sure to not exceed the permitted number of livestock.

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

Proposed Rotation

Pasture	Acres in Pasture	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	# of Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrlng	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Reppy		3/1/2024	7/1/2024	123	80		4			343	340
									Applied For	343	340
									Permitted	480	480

The Reppy allotment has issues with limited livestock water availability. Continue to maintain improvements, place supplement, and develop existing water sources to allow utilization to occur on the Forest when livestock are present.

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

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.

Previous Year Improvement Accomplishments				
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
	Fence	March 2023	Repaired water gaps and other fence repairs.	
	Water	April 2023	Repaired Drinkers	

Current Year Improvement Schedule				
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
	Fence		Water Gap repairs and other fence repairs	
	Water		Clean Trick Tank	
	Water/160008		Investigate the potential to install a rainwater catchment on top of the existing storage tank in Henry Canyon. It was also discussed to research a potential location for a small concrete dam in the drainage above Henry Well. This improvement would need environmental clearance before installation.	
	Water/160002		Investigate Bennett Dam. There has been NEPA clearance to install a livestock pipeline and storage tank with drinker off of the bottom of the dam. It was also discussed that once this improvement is in place, a pipeline may potentially be placed on top of the ground to supply said storage tank with water from Buckshot well. This project will require more investigation, however.	
	Road 4397		Repair NFS 4397 as needed. All work must remain within the prism of the existing roadbed.	

VI. 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.

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.

Keep a copy of these Annual Operating Instructions for your personal files. Thank you.

Sincerely,

DOUG RUPPEL
District Ranger