

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

**Rough Mountain Allotment  
2021 Grazing Year**

This letter will serve as your annual operating instructions for the **2021** grazing season for the **Rough Mountain** allotment.

**I. AUTHORIZED USE and ROTATION SCHEDULE:** Your annual validation for the following numbers, season and class of livestock have been approved. Actual dates may vary dependent upon climatic conditions, when utilization levels are reached and time required to remove cattle.

**Authorized Use**

| Allotment      | Date On   | Date Off  | # of Days | # of Cows w/calf | Horse | AUMs       | HMs        |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| Rough Mountain | 3/1/2021  | 4/30/2021 | 61        | 148              |       | 297        | 297        |
| Rough Mountain | 11/1/2021 | 2/28/2022 | 120       | 148              |       | 584        | 584        |
|                |           |           |           |                  |       |            |            |
| <b>Total</b>   |           |           |           |                  |       | <b>881</b> | <b>881</b> |

**Non-Use**

| Allotment      | Date On | Date Off | # of Days | # of Cows w/calf | Horse | AUMs     | HMs      |
|----------------|---------|----------|-----------|------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Rough Mountain |         |          |           |                  |       |          |          |
|                |         |          |           |                  |       |          |          |
| <b>Total</b>   |         |          |           |                  |       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

Reason: N/A

**Proposed Rotation**

| Pasture                          | Acres in Pasture | Date On   | Date Off   | # of Days | # of Cows w/calf | Horse              | AUMs       | HMs        |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Lower Wood                       |                  | 3/1/2021  | 3/15/2021  | 15        | 148              |                    | 73         | 73         |
| Fox                              |                  | 3/16/2021 | 4/30/2021  | 46        | 60               |                    | 91         | 91         |
| Shipley/Headquarters             |                  | 3/16/2021 | 4/30/2021  | 46        | 25               |                    | 38         | 38         |
| Little Wood                      |                  | 3/16/2021 | 4/30/2021  | 46        | 30               |                    | 45         | 45         |
| Brad Trap                        |                  | 3/16/2021 | 4/30/2021  | 46        | 18               |                    | 27         | 27         |
| South Fork                       |                  | 3/16/2021 | 4/30/2021  | 46        | 15               |                    | 23         | 23         |
| Off Forest                       |                  | 5/1/2021  | 10/31/2021 | 184       |                  |                    |            |            |
| Upper Wood/Cottonwood            |                  | 11/1/2021 | 12/31/2021 | 61        | 148              |                    | 297        | 297        |
| Lower Wood                       |                  | 1/1/2022  | 2/28/2022  | 59        | 148              |                    | 287        | 287        |
| Grey cells are calculated fields |                  |           |            |           |                  | <b>Applied For</b> | <b>881</b> | <b>881</b> |
| White cells are editable         |                  |           |            |           |                  | <b>Permitted</b>   | <b>881</b> | <b>881</b> |

It was discussed that due to the lack of adequate rainfall, the livestock currently on the allotment may be removed from the Forest early unless more precipitation is received this spring.

Due to the on-going severe drought we are all currently experiencing in this region, changes to various types of management on your allotment may be needed. Please keep the range staff here



at the Douglas District well informed of any deviation from your proposed plan and keep the natural resource conditions in the forefront of your mind when making management decisions that may affect your allotment.

When first stocking the allotment, place the cattle in the high reaches of the Upper pastures and work to prevent concentration in riparian areas.

If you should need to deviate from this rotation schedule by more than two weeks, please notify this office in advance. The pasture rotation is based on historic use, this rotation and the stocking rate in each pasture, will be dependent on both water availability as well as forage availability. Livestock remaining in pastures beyond the specified rotation date, that are allowed to drift between pastures unauthorized, or grazing in rested pastures may be considered a violation of your Term Grazing Permit, unless specifically mentioned in the rotation schedule.

## **II. 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.

## **III. 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.

## **IV. 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.

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.

| <b>Previous Year Improvement Accomplishments</b> |                                |                        |   |                          |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Permit Mod #</b>                              | <b>Improvement Type / ID #</b> | <b>Completion Date</b> | <b>Description/Comments</b>   | <b>Status Done /Date</b> |
|  | Fences, trails, etc            | 5/1/20                 | General maintenance on all stock trails, water lines and allotment fences                           | Done                     |
|  | Water                          | 7/1/20                 | Moved drinker that was delivered by helicopter to Emigrant Pass down into canyon by existing spring | Done                     |

| <b>Current Year Improvement Schedule</b> |                                |                        |   |                          |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Permit Mod #</b>                      | <b>Improvement Type / ID #</b> | <b>Completion Date</b> | <b>Description/Comments</b>   | <b>Status Done /Date</b> |
|  | Fence                          |                        | Rebuild fence around House (Brad?) Trap. Forest Service will supply materials |                          |

**V. 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.

**VI. 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.

## VII. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Ruppel", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DOUG RUPPEL  
District Ranger