

United States Forest Department of Service Agriculture Mesa Ranger District

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Horse Creek Farms

Dear(b) (6)

Following are your 2018 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for your Allotment.

Authorized Use:

Below are authorized livestock numbers per grazing unit, anticipated use dates, and proposed monitoring dates. If a modification (i.e. pasture rotation and livestock numbers) is requested from approved rotation below, please fill out *Modification of AOI* form. Modification approval is required prior to changes. Please maintain and submit records that indicate your compliance to permitted use.

Grazing Unit	Dates of Use	Monitoring Date	Authorized Livestock	Rationale/ Comments
Pine	5/1/2018 to 10/31/2018	10/22/2018	64 cow/ calf 6 Bulls 5 Horses	
Maverick	11/1/2018 to 4/30/2019	4/22/2019	64 cow/ calf 6 Bulls 5 Horses	
Picadilla	Rest			Picadilla pasture will be first in rotation on 5/1/2019





Range Improvement Maintenance

All range improvements must be maintained to Forest Service standards (available at District Office) before cattle will be allowed to enter units. It is your responsibility to be aware of and comply with fire restrictions. The following table describes major 2018 authorized range improvement projects:

Pasture	Location	Description of Work	Clearances Needed
Maverick	Haul Water	Complete project stated on MOU signed 12/22/2017	Biological and archaeological
All pastures	astures Boundary and Maintain or re-construct to FS standards		N/A

Drought Planning

Regional Drought Policy indicates when our indicators reach close to -1 Standard Precipitation Index over 12 months, the Forest Service will start discussions to outline possible thresholds and responses. Currently the permittee has established a base herd and is monitoring upcoming pasture forage. If conditions remain dry, we will re-visit these strategies and consider further options.



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