

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

**Willie Rose Allotment
2022 Grazing Year**

This letter will serve as your annual operating instructions for the **Willie Rose** allotment.

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

Authorized Use

Allotment	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	# of Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrlng	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Willie Rose	11/1/2022	2/28/2023	120	31					122	122
Total									122	122

Non-Use

Allotment	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	# of Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrlng	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Willie Rose	3/1/2022	4/30/2022	61	31					62	62
Total									62	62

Reason: Personal Convenience

Proposed Rotation

Pasture	Acres in Pasture	Date On	Date Off	# of Days	# of Cows w/calf	Dry Cows	# of Bulls	# Yrlng	Horse	AUMs	HMs
Willie Rose		3/1/2022	4/30/2022	61	0						
Off Forest		5/1/2022	10/31/2022	184							
Willie Rose		11/1/2022	2/28/2023	120	31					122	122
Applied For									122	122	
Permitted									184	184	
Non-Use									62	62	

You are taking non-use for personal convenience part of this year. Although the drought of 2020 impacted your allotment, the summer rains in 2021 were sufficient to produce significant forage growth. If you decide to stock the allotment at some time this year, please reach out to the range staff here at the Douglas District to develop a modified AOI and grazing bill.

Actual dates may vary dependent upon climatic conditions, when utilization levels are reached and time required to remove cattle. Please pay close attention on livestock concentration areas (near the Forest boundary fence) to prevent overgrazing and resource damage. Keep the Douglas District Range Staff apprised of resource conditions throughout the grazing season.

Upon stocking the allotment, drive the livestock as high up Triangle Canyon as possible, locate the cattle on the upper trough and any available water at Outlaw and Inlaw springs, and be sure to hold them there with regular herding. The trough near the forest boundary **must** be shut off and bailed out to prevent livestock from watering there and locating in that area. Salt needs to be placed on the ridges above Inlaw Spring and the open ridge between Outlaw and Inlaw Springs. As feed diminishes and reaches the allowable utilization level of 45% in the upper portions of the



canyon, you may turn the trough near the Forest Boundary back on and allow the livestock to drift back down into that area.

Term Grazing Permits are required to be stocked to 90% of capacity each grazing season, unless either Personal Convenience or Range Improvement Non-Use has been approved. Personal Convenience Non-Use may be taken for no more than 3 years consecutively and not more than 4 years out of any ten year period.

If you should need to deviate from this schedule by more than two weeks in any way, please notify this office in advance. If any portion of the allotment has reached the allowable use level and better livestock distribution cannot be achieved through herding, water control, etc., the livestock must be removed from the allotment. 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.

Due to the severe drought during the summer of 2020 we all experienced in this region, changes to various types of management were needed in most cases. Although most locations had abundant moisture during the monsoon season of 2021, there may be lasting effects of drought that are impacting your allotment. 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. 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 (like saddles) 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.

Previous Year Improvement Accomplishments				
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date

Current Year Improvement Schedule				
Permit Mod #	Improvement Type / ID #	Completion Date	Description/Comments	Status Done /Date
			Adjust float levels in water troughs where small animals have a chance at getting a drink, and are able to escape if trapped. Also install wildlife escape ramps if none are present	
			Continuation of removal of old water pipeline	
			Replace or repair leaking air relief valve on Outlaw pipeline	

	Inlaw Spring	2022	If sufficient water is located at the spring, the pipeline may be replaced to provide water to a lower location.	
	Fence/Water	2022	Reconstruct water lot fence around the lower dirt tank (Stock Tank). FS will provide materials for this project. Work with the Range Staff of the Douglas Ranger District for the specifications, dimensions, etc.	
	Stock Tank/Water	2022	Repair the eminent wash-out in the dam of the lower dirt tank (Stock Tank). This has been repaired by the FS before, but is in desperate need of it again. Please make this a priority this grazing season, preferably before the summer rains.	

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

Sincerely,

DOUG RUPPEL
District Ranger