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

<u>Authorized Use:</u> Below are authorized livestock numbers per grazing unit, anticipated use dates, and proposed monitoring dates. 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. You are authorized 153 adult cattle and 3 bulls yearlong.

Grazing Unit	Dates of Use	Monitoring Date
Chalky Butte	3/1/202 to -3/15/2022	3/1/2022
Triangle*	3/15/2022 to 5/15/2022 Tentative	3/1/2022 (Recovery inspection) 4/22/2022
Chrome Butte	5/16/2022 to 6/30/2022	6/15/2022
Colburn	7/1/2022 to 8/1/2022	7/15/2022
Swing	8/2/202 to -9/15/2022	9/1/2022
Yankee Joe	9/16/2022 to 10/15/2022	10/1/2022
Horse Pasture	10/16/2022 to 11/1/2022	(N/A, moving through pasture)
Apache	11/2/2022 to 2/28/2023	1/1/2023

^{*}Horse damage from 2020 was extensive and will need to be confirmed as range ready before the herd enters this pasture.

Range Improvement Maintenance: All range improvements must be maintained to Forest Service standards (available at District Office) before cattle will be allowed to enter pastures. 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
Horse	North side Shipping Pens	Rebuilding of pens in current footprint	None
Apache	Northern allotment boundary	Rebuilding complete fence	None
Seven Mile/ Seven Mile Riparian	Pasture Boundary	Repairing/ rebuilding pasture fences	None
Colburn/ Horse/ Yankee Joe	All	Spring repairs	None

Allowable Use Standards:

Vegetation	etation 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.

<u>Salting, Supplements, and Attractants:</u> In most cases, salt must be located no closer than ¼ mile from streams, rivers, riparian areas, trails, and known archaeological sites. Protein blocks, nutritional supplement, and other attractant may be authorized prior to use. No supplemental feeding is authorized, such as hay.

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

Sincerely,

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District Ranger