

GILA NATIONAL FOREST  
WILDERNESS RANGER DISTRICT  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2003

**FOWLER CATTLE COMPANY**

**Taylor Creek**  
**Jordan Mesa**  
**&**  
**East Canyon**

Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Range Staff

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Ranger

Agreed to By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee

**PERMITTED USE:**

ALLOTMENT	PERMITTED #	PERMITTED SEASON
Jordan Mesa	200 Cattle	03/01-02/28
	10 Horses	03/01-02/28
Taylor Creek	263 Cattle	03/01-02/28
	7 Horses	03/01-02/28
East Canyon	175 Cattle	03/01-03/31 11/01-02/28
	5 Horses	03/01-03/31 11/01-02/28

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

ALLOTMENT	AUTHORIZED NUMBER	ON/OFF DATE	PASTURE INSTRUCTIONS
Jordan Mesa	0	Non-Use	
Taylor Creek	0	Non-Use	
East Canyon	(50 cattle 5 horses)	3/01/03-3/31/03	
East Canyon	(50 cattle 5 horses)	11/1/03-2/28/04	

**MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK:**

The above schedule for stocking the allotments depends upon the availability of forage and water. Some flexibility is allowed for justifiable causes such as weather conditions, livestock management needs, and range condition. **If there is a need to deviate from the above schedule by more than 10 days, you need to immediately notify the District Ranger of the proposed change.** The District Ranger must be notified 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

It is your responsibility to move your livestock when sufficient water is no longer available or when proper forage utilization is achieved in a pasture. You are responsible maintaining control of your livestock. In the event your livestock are found to be out of the scheduled pasture, you will be required to find, gather, and return your animals to the proper pasture as soon as possible. Failure to maintain control of your livestock could lead to adverse action against your Term Grazing Permit.

You may begin to move cattle or open pasture gates to allow cattle to move from one pasture to another (5) days prior to the scheduled rotation date, unless otherwise specified. The pasture the cattle are leaving should be "cleaned out" within (5) days after the scheduled date for moving. This will allow you 10 days to move cattle from one pasture to the next.

**SALTING:**

Placement of salt will be used as a management tool to obtain even distribution of livestock and utilization of forage. Salt will be placed on areas of good forage production and light utilization. There will be no permanent salt grounds. Once the salt at a given salt ground has been used, the salt ground will be moved. Occasionally, cattle may have to be driven to new salt grounds to show them where it is. In this manner, it will be possible to draw the cattle into areas needing utilization. At no time will salt supplement be placed in areas of natural livestock concentration, closer than ¼-mile to either permanent or semi-permanent stock watering locations, within drainage bottoms, or within visible distance to roads unless authorized by the District Ranger.

**UTILIZATION GUIDELINES:**

Forage use by grazing ungulates will be maintained at or above a condition that assures satisfactory watershed conditions. To maintain satisfactory watershed conditions, we have established a maximum allowable use of 40% in key areas on the East Canyon Allotment. Key areas are as follows:

KEY AREA	UTILIZATION GUIDELINE	KEY SPECIES
East Canyon	40%	Blue Grama
Water Canyon	40%	Blue Grama
McKnight Road Mesa tops	40%	Blue Grama

If allowable use exceeds 40% in any key area of a pasture during the season of use, livestock will be moved to the next pasture. If all remaining key areas in the allotment are at maximum use, livestock will be removed from the allotment.

**Improvement Maintenance**

All range improvements assigned in your Term Grazing Permit will be maintained in a good functioning condition. In the event these improvements cannot be maintained, you should notify this office so we can schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available.

Improvements that we have agreed to pursue funding for or that you are going to maintain in 2004 include:

IMPROVEMENT NAME	IMPROVEMENT NUMBER	ACTIVITY	FUNDING SOURCE
N/A			

Non-compliance with the instructions set forth in this authorization could lead to adverse actions taken against your Term Grazing Permit.

**Prescribed Burning**

A maintenance burn will be done this summer. Cattle will be removed from the allotment as scheduled to allow fine fuels to accumulate for the burn.