

**GRAND VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT
 GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST
 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION (AOI)
 Whitewater Allotment
 2021 Grazing Year**

I. Authorized Use:

Actual dates and rotation may vary dependent upon climatic conditions, when utilization levels are reached, and time required to remove cattle.

Permittee	Permitted Livestock	Authorized Livestock	Authorized Season of Use	Non-Use
Bud Hawkins	220 c/c	220 c/c	7/1-9/30	
TOTAL CATTLE #'S	220 c/c	220 c/c		

Term Grazing Permits are required to be stocked to 90% of capacity each grazing season, unless either Personal Convenience or Range Resource Protection 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.

The above paragraph is our requirement but in our current dry conditions, we will be lenient about numbers stocked. We appreciate your consideration of watching conditions to allow the plants in the open parks to recover. After 3 years of droughty conditions, the plants are stressed and we need to give them a chance to put energy back into their roots.

II. Allowable Use Standards/ Salting/ Pasture Rotation:

Allowable Use/Salting

Herding and salting will be used to ensure allowable use is not exceeded. Allowable use should be within the light to moderate range, meaning that plants are about 1/2 grazed and the vegetation has a patchy, uneven appearance. If allowable use is in danger of being exceeded, the cattle should be removed from that pasture or area until the range recovers.

Salt and supplement will be placed appropriately, on good feed, at least 1/4 mile from water, out of livestock concentration areas, and more than 200 feet from roads or developed trails. 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. No more than 1 block should be placed in the same spot.

