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Dear Bob,

This document serves as your 2025 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Bar T Bar Allotment. This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a).

I. AUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK NUMBERS/PERIOD OF USE/APPROVED NON-USE

Your 2025 Authorized Use Request has been approved, and you are authorized the following Livestock Numbers and Periods of Use:

1,205 Cow/calf pairs	June 01, 2025 to November 15, 2026
785 Yearling heifers	May 15, 2025 to September 15, 2026
94 Bulls	May 15, 2025 to November 15, 2026
30 Hoses	July 04, 2025 to November 15, 2036

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE

Annual stocking level (annual authorized livestock numbers and dates) are considered approximate. The actual dates and numbers may change due to many variables. The Annual stocking level is based on current and expected forage production. The planned use period in a pasture and livestock numbers can/should be adjusted if conditions change, either shortened or lengthened, depending on forage availability but not in excess of the permitted numbers and utilization levels in key areas.

Changes to the grazing schedule will be made only with prior Forest Service approval

The following is the planned grazing sequence for the 2025 grazing season:

UNIT/PASTURES NAME	PLANNED GRAZE PERIOD	LIVESTOCK NUMBERS
Quail, Boundary and Red Hill Pastures	05/16 - 09/15	565 yearling heifers /23 bulls
Hay Lake, Lost Eden, West Melatone, East Green Howard and West Service Pastures	06/01 - 09/26	245 adult cows/9 bulls



Moqui, Wilkins, Trick Tank and West Service	06/14 - 11/05	240 cows/12 bulls
South Broomey, South Grapevine, and Cow Hill	06/21 - 11/10	240 cows/14 bulls
Yellow Jacket, West Green Howard, West Melatone and West Service	07/02 - 11/10	240 cows/12bulls
Lakes and West Service	07/09 - 11/15	240 cows/14 bulls
West Service and East Service	07/12 - 09/10	220 yearling heifers/10 bulls
Horse Pasture and West Meletone	07/04 - 10/15	30 Horses

This schedule is designed to be flexible; dates, pastures, and timing of livestock moves may vary depending on available forage or other resource concerns. Changes from the grazing schedule will be made only with Forest Service approval.

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III. GRAZING STRATEGY

Graze multiple herds of livestock using both rest rotation and deferred rotation management strategies within the 8 management units (29 management pastures) on the allotment. The management of the allotment is objective driven; where management objectives determine the length of graze, length of rest, whether a pasture is grazed or regrazed in a given year and the number of livestock grazed. If management objectives are not being met, the strategy is changed to meet objectives defined for the area. Flexibility is maintained to meet resource needs, as well as the social and economic demands.

IV. RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Location	Project	Completion
Buck Springs	Request for grazing – interdisciplinary NEPA	
Bar T Bar Allotment	Collaborative forest-wide Grasslands Restoration Project	

Range Improvement Maintenance

Range improvements assigned to you for maintenance have been identified in red on the permit maps of your term grazing permit. These improvements are to be fully maintained annually to comply with permit requirements (Part 2, section 8i). Any maintenance you perform must conform to the standards specified by your District Rangeland Management Specialist. The

grazing permittee is responsible for all maintenance materials, supplies and equipment necessary to properly maintain all range structural improvements. The Forest may replace range structural improvement materials and/or supplies at the end of the improvement's life; when maintenance and repair is no longer feasible to keep the improvement properly maintained and functioning.

New fence projects will be implemented only with prior approval and after a successful completion/clearance of both biological and archeological surveys from Forest Service personnel. New fencing will be done to USFS standards and guidelines.

****Please note that you must notify the District Rangeland Management Specialist at least 60 days prior to beginning any maintenance work that requires the use of heavy equipment (ex. maintenance of earthen stock tanks).**

V. RESOURCE MONITORING

Grazing Intensity

Grazing intensity is defined as the amount of herbage removed through grazing or trampling during the grazing period. Grazing intensity would be managed to allow for the physiological needs of plants, as a result, the planned use period indicated in the Grazing Schedule (section II) in a pasture may be lengthened or shortened depending on forage intensity in key areas.

Forage Utilization

Utilization is defined as the proportion or degree of current year's forage production that is consumed or destroyed by animals (including insects). It is a comparison of the amount of herbage left compared with the amount of herbage produced during the year. Utilization is measured at the end of the growing season when the total annual production can be accounted for and the effects of grazing in the whole management unit can be assessed. This allowable use level includes both livestock and wildlife. If use levels in key areas exceed the maximum allowable use before livestock enter a pasture, the pasture will not be used.

Upland areas:

Manage livestock and wildlife to achieve site-specific forage utilization levels within a range of 35% - 50% of annual forage production depending on the management objectives defined for the area. These forage utilization levels are averages across the pasture and include grazing by both livestock and wildlife.

Riparian Areas:

A maximum allowable intensity/utilization level in riparian areas is 20% on key grass species.

A maximum allowable utilization level of 20% on woody species is acceptable if all three classes of riparian vegetation are present. If the mid-age class is absent, the maximum allowable utilization level on woody species will be limited to 5%.

Permittee Monitoring

The Diablo Trust proposal (dated 2/2/98) for monitoring forage utilization is acceptable and will be followed for the 2025 grazing year. You and the Diablo Trust will ensure that the procedures as outlined in the proposal are followed and that the Forest Service receives copies of all monitoring forms at the end of the 2025 grazing year.

The permittee will document the following items on the enclosed Actual Use Form during the 2025 grazing year: 1) Actual Grazing Period; 2) Actual Livestock Numbers.

The permittee is encouraged to participate in Utilization Monitoring.

It is important that this monitoring be completed during the timeframes specified, and that the Actual Use Form is submitted to your Rangeland Management Specialist at the end of the 2025 grazing year.

VI. SALTING AND PROTEIN BLOCK PRACTICES

Proper salt and protein block location can be a good tool to aid in livestock distribution, and they will be used in a manner to spread livestock utilization throughout the pasture. A detailed description of the Coconino National Forest Salting and Supplemental Feeding policy can be found in Part 3 of your term grazing permit; (See AMP and Term Grazing Permit for the complete list of the guidelines.)

Page 9 of the Term Grazing Permit: Salt or mineral supplement locations should be rotated annually and avoid areas where livestock concentration could cause excessive vegetation trampling, soil loss or disturbance to sensitive species or habitats.

VII. PORTABLE WATER HAULING

Temporary sites for portable haul water may be needed and should be used as necessary to assist in livestock distribution. Sites need to be approved before troughs are placed on site and need archeological clearance. All troughs need to follow the same conditions as if they were permanent; like wildlife ramps/logs, placed on flat ground, etc. (see page 8 of Term Permit).

VIII. DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

To aide in determining the initial livestock numbers the Standard Precipitation Index (SPI) and the US Drought Monitor Report was discussed. The SPI and the US Drought Monitor showed our area in a persistent drought. It was agreed that due to the above factors as well as that with the current precipitation conditions and the fact that there was abundant forage left over at the end of the growing season the livestock numbers would remain the same as last grazing year unless the allotment continues further into a negative drought status. See Allotment Management Plan (AMP).

Scheduled for Projects/Maintenance Grazing Year 2025

IX. MITIGATION MEASURES FOR SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES

There are two (2) grazing mitigation documents that include grazing mitigation measures for the Mexican spotted owl and the Chiricahua leopard frog. Please review and familiarize yourself with these required grazing measures; Forest Service personnel will field check your compliance with these mitigation requirements. See AMP

X. FIRE

Please use caution during all ranch activities that could potentially start a fire. All ranch vehicles must be equipped with an axe, shovel, and water bucket. All open camp and branding fires require a ten-foot fire ring cleared down to mineral soil.

During periods of critical fire danger, the Forest Supervisor may declare a Red Flag Alert or issue other special orders. Under these conditions, the building or use of fires, the use of power saws, heavy equipment, ATV's and other motorized equipment may be prohibited on Forest Service land. All Federal, State and Local fire restrictions and regulations must be observed.

Report all fires to the Coconino National Forest Fire Dispatch Office ([928-527-3552](tel:928-527-3552)). Cooperation in the reporting, prevention, and suppression of fires will be expected as specified in Part 2, section 10 of your Term Grazing Permit.

XI. MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

On May 1, 2012, the Coconino National Forest began implementation of the Travel Management Rule. The Travel Management Rule requires the designation of roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicle use and these routes are identified on the Motor Vehicle Use Map.

Implementation of the Travel Management Rule requires active management of all motorized use, including use related to permitted grazing activities. Motorized travel off the designated road system, including off-road access, by grazing permit holders will be based on the need to carry out required management practices necessary to comply with the terms and conditions of the Term Grazing Permit. Grazing permittees that do not obtain a Restricted Road, Trail and Off-Road Administrative Use Permit are required to operate motorized vehicles only on the designated road system. Operating a motorized vehicle off the designated road system without a valid Restricted Road, Trail and Off-Road Administrative Use Permit will result in the immediate issuance of a Notice of Non-Compliance for violating the terms and conditions of your Term Grazing Permit (Part 2, Section 8a). A Notice of Non-Compliance may result in Term Grazing Permit suspension or cancellation proceedings. Legitimate motorized use off the designated road system, including off-road access, for conducting activities required under the Term Grazing Permit will be authorized under a Restricted Road, Trail and Off-Road Administrative Use Permit. (See Permit.)

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact
Rangeland technician, Noelle Resignolo at (928)-963-1034.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandon McKenney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Brandon McKenney
District Ranger

