

2017 Annual Operating Instructions Bottle Allotment

Resource Objectives For This Grazing Season

Perennial grasses and major browse species within these pastures need rest in order to provide time to recover from the drought we're currently experiencing. Keep livestock numbers low and move cattle when utilizations in pastures are met. Ensure wildlife water is available in pastures cattle are not in and wildlife escape ramps are in place on troughs.

Authorization

Upon payment of fees livestock are authorized as follows for 2017:

<u>Number of Livestock</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified)</u>
149 C/C & Bulls	Powell	March 1 – May 1
149 C/C & Bulls	Walnut	May - June
149 C/C & Bulls	Holding	June 1 – June 15
149 C/C & Bulls	Slickrock	June 16- June 30
149 C/C & Bulls	Burnt Canyon	July – November 1
149 C/C & Bulls	Slickrock	Oct – 1 November 1
149 C/C & Bulls	Holding	November 1 -15
149 C/C & Bulls	Hayfield	November 16- Feb. 2018

The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, after livestock are off the allotment. Any change from these Annual Operating Instructions is to be coordinated and confirmed in advance with the Forest Officer, best if a week or two in advance. If emergency conditions require making a change immediately, notify the Forest Officer promptly.

Move your livestock regardless of the date shown above, to avoid exceeding allowable use (utilization) levels.

Allowable Use

The following is maximum allowable use: Uplands: *On palatable grasses*: 35% while actively growing, 50% during dormant periods. This percentage is of the total weight of the current year's production. *On shrubs*: browsing of 50% of available leaders. Riparian: *On palatable grasses and sedges*: 30% of the total weight available. *On shrubs*: browsing of 50% of available leaders.

Cattle will be moved to the next scheduled pasture or off the allotment when allowable use standards are met, no matter what the dates on paper are. Failure to remove your cattle to avoid use above the allowable levels is a violation of these instructions and the terms of your grazing permit.

Salt And Supplements

The thoughtful placement of salt, mineral, and protein is a valuable distribution aid. Salt will not be located in heavy use areas, including within ¼ mile of water. Instead, place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

Range Improvements – See notes in AOI meeting

Permittee Comments And Suggestions – see notes in AOI meeting

Travel management-

The Prescott National Forest designated a system of roads and trails that are open to motor vehicle use in 1989 through Forest Plan Amendment #4. Motor vehicle use off the designated road system by the permit holder to conduct activities associated with administration of the term grazing permit is allowed under the terms and conditions of the term grazing permit.

Permit Conditions

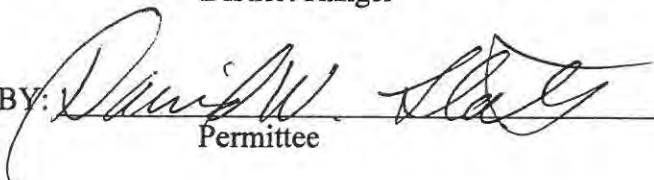
These Annual Operating Instructions are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, Section 8(a). They comply with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. Failure to follow any of the terms and conditions specified in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of your Term Grazing Permit may result in suspension or cancellation, in whole or in part, after written notice. (Refer to Part 1, Section 3, of your permit.)

PASTURES

Hayfield	2254 acres
Walnut	2222
Powell	4030
Crater	882
Holding	339
Slick Rock	1747
Pine	2577
Burnt Canyon	9349
Goat Peak	2729
Total Acres	26,197

Decision Notice 11/2/2010
AMP signed 3/29/2012

APPROVED BY:  2/7/2017
District Ranger Date

AGREED TO BY:  2-7-2017
Permittee Date