

2023
Annual Operating Instructions
Brady Allotment (00317)

This document serves as your 2023 Grazing, Annual Operating Instructions (AOI). This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a).

GRAZING SCHEDULE

The Annual stocking level (annual authorized livestock numbers and dates) are considered approximate. The actual dates and numbers may change due to many variables. 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 in key areas).

*Any changes from these Annual Operating Instructions is to be coordinated and confirmed in advance and will be made only with prior written Forest Service Officer Approval. (An Amendment)

*If emergency conditions require making an immediate change, notify the Forest Service Officer promptly.

Authorization

Upon payment of fees, the following is the planned grazing sequence for the grazing season:

Number of Livestock	Pasture	Grazing Period
130	Monument	10-8 to 11-15
130	Chalk	11-16 to 12-15
130	Wolf/York	12-16 to 01-10
130	Brady	01-11 to 01-31
130	Mule	02-01 to 03-10
130	Watershed	03-11 to 03-31

Rested (Ungrazed) Pastures for the 2023 Grazing Season

Turkey Creek and Pine Flat

RESOURCE MONITORING

Allowable Use

The following is maximum allowable use:

Uplands: *On key grass species:* 40% while actively growing (February and March), 41-50% during dormant periods (October through January). This percentage is of the total weight of the current year's production. *On key shrub species:* browsing of 50% of available leaders.

Riparian: *On key shrub species:* 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 are on paper.* 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.

The permittee is encouraged to participate in the allotment Monitoring process.

Actual Use

The permittee will document the following items on the enclosed Actual Use Form: 1) Pasture; 2) Actual Grazing Period; 3) Actual Livestock Numbers.

***It is very important that this Actual Use form be completed and submitted to your Rangeland Management Specialist at the end of the grazing year.**

RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for THIS GRAZING SEASON

Proper livestock management practices, e.g. distribution, timing of grazing, and intensity of grazing, must be managed closely to provide for plant maintenance, improved vigor, and maintenance/improvement of vegetative ground cover. When cattle are not in a pasture, ensure water is available for wildlife and escape ramps are in place on troughs.

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 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.) Place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Maintenance

Range improvements assigned to you are to be fully maintained annually to comply with permit requirements. 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 if properly maintained; when maintenance and repair is no longer feasible to keep the improvement properly maintained and functioning.

Projects:

- Complete maintenance of north side of Turkey Creek fence.
- Lightning struck Mule windmill, permittee waiting on new circuits then will install in the next week or so.
- Clean sediment out of Monument dirt tank, currently dry, specs discussed with permittee during readiness review on site. Permittee will call RMS two weeks prior to equipment on site, no dirt work needed for access, all dirt work will be located in dirt tank footprint.
- Remove Monument corral in the area of Monument Well, chain link fence halfway around corral. Remove all non-functional range infrastructure from the site.

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

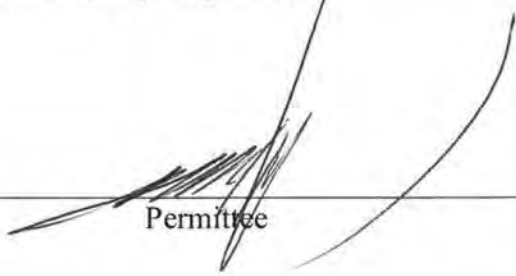
To aide in determining the initial livestock numbers the Standard Precipitation Index (SPI) and the US Drought Monitor Report was discussed. The SPI and the US Drought Monitor showed our area in a *Moderate* drought. It was agreed that abundant forage has been produce and the proposed grazing rotation will not exceed utilization limits.


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).

ACCEPTED BY:  _____ 10-6-23
Permittee Date

APPROVED BY:  _____ 10/10/23
Sarah Clawson, District Ranger Date

