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Dear John:

The following are your 2024 annual operating instructions (AOI) for the Campaign grazing allotment. These instructions have been developed from collaboration with you and in consideration of Forest Service Handbook 2209.13, Tonto National Forest Plan, associated National Environmental Policy Act analysis, Allotment Management Plan, and available information describing range conditions.

Authorized Use

The following table describes authorized livestock numbers per grazing unit, anticipated use dates, and proposed monitoring dates. Please request a change in this schedule well in advance of the proposed dates. Please, maintain and submit records that indicate your compliance to permitted use.

Grazing Unit	Dates of Use	Tentative Monitoring Date	Authorized Livestock	Rationale/Comments
Grapevine	Current-January 20 th	February 5	160 Cows	Herd A
Badlands	January 21 st March 23 rd	April 7	160 Cows	
Schoolhouse	March 24 th May 31 st	June 11	160 Cows	
Spring Creek	November 1 st December 31 st	Next AOI	132 Cows 12 Bulls	
Fowler	Current-January 12 th	January 23	220 Cows	Herd B
Brake	January 13 th March 16 th	March 25	220 Cows	
Granite	March 17 th June 15 th	June 24	220 Cows 18 Bulls	



Two Bar	June 16 th August 31 st	September 9	220 Cows 18 Bulls	
Tule	September 1 st November 30 th	December 9	220 Cows 18 Bulls	
Jojoba	December 1 st Next AOI	Next AOI	220 Cows 18 Bulls	
Neck	Current- April 15 th	April 23	30 Bulls	Herd C- Bulls only (30 Bulls)
Creek	Current April 15 th	April 23	20 Bulls	Bulls only (20 Bulls)
West Ridge	Current- January 15 th	January 23	300 Yearlings	Herd D- Yearlings only
Cholla	January 16 th May 3 rd	May 13	300 Yearlings	

Monitoring:

Upland utilization is measured at the end of the growing season in key areas for key forage species. This information, along with vegetation condition, forage plant production and vigor, soil and watershed condition, will be used to make informed management recommendations concerning pasture moves and stocking rates.

Riparian utilization in key reaches is measured during growing season to verify residual vegetation is present for streambank protection during flow events.

Grazing intensity will be evaluated during the growing season to make necessary changes needed for plant development and recovery.

Vegetative Use Guidelines:

Grazing will be managed so conservative use levels are achieved over the long-term in pasture key areas. It is your responsibility as permittee to take action so that livestock grazing does not exceed vegetative use thresholds. Please arrange for an allotment inspection if seasonal vegetative use of available forage approaches these thresholds.

Vegetation	Use Threshold
Upland herbaceous species	30-40% of current year's growth
Upland browse species	50% of current year's growth
Riparian herbaceous species	Limited to 40% of plant species biomass and maintain 6-8 inches of stubble height on deergrass
Riparian woody species	Limited to 50% of leaders browsed on upper 1/3 of plants up to 6 feet tall
Streambanks (if applicable)	Limited to less than 20% alteration of alterable streambanks

Mexican Spotted Owl PAC's (where applicable)	20% optimum-40% maximum
Annual Grasses	50% of current year's growth

Range Improvement Maintenance:

All range improvements must be maintained to Forest Service standards before cattle will be allowed to enter the units. You must receive verbal concurrence for each project before work can begin except routine maintenance (e.g. cleaning dirt tanks, maintaining fence, restoring pipe). It is your responsibility to be aware of and comply with fire restriction.

The following table describes 2023 range improvement projects.

Pasture	Location	Description of Work	Clearances Needed
Multiple	Existing Improvements	Continue to fix existing improvements damaged by fire	None, all existing maintenance.
Bobcat	Fowler/Brake	1 mile Pipeline from Fowler/Brake Corral to extend to new trough in Bobcat near dirt tank	Need Archeological, Hydrological and Biological clearances.
Bobcat	Jojoba/Bobcat Windmill	Change windmill to solar power	Maintenance. No clearances needed as it is existing infrastructure.
Holding	Spring Creek/Private Property	Install cattle guard to replace gate	Need Archeological and Biological clearance prior to Decision.

Salting:

In most cases, salt must be located no closer than ¼ mile from streams, rivers, riparian areas, trails, and known archaeological sites.

Supplements and Attractants

Protein blocks, nutritional supplement, and other attractant may be authorized.

Supplemental Feeding:

No supplemental feeding is authorized.

Weeds

Invasive plants threaten ecosystem health and grazing resources. Please assist us in preventing the introduction and spread of invasive plants.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Hoskins, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (480) 435-5563.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Plain
District Ranger

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