

**GRAZING YEAR 2016/2017  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
CHINA DAM ALLOTMENT**

The objectives of these instructions are, prior to the grazing season, to:

- identify specific management tools/resource objectives for this grazing season
- review general permit administration and livestock management requirements, and
  - document any needs or agreements beyond the standard directions.

MANAGEMENT TOOLS/RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for this GRAZING SEASON

**Perennial grasses and major browse species need the opportunity to maintain or improve their vigor.**

- The permittee is responsible for utilization and should be prepared to move off Forest or pastures once utilization standards are met.
- Tentative dates based on proper utilization levels. Proper utilization levels are set at a standard known to provide sufficient litter. Move to next pasture or off forest, regardless of date, when utilization standards on key areas are met.

AUTHORIZATION

Upon payment of fees, livestock are authorized as follows for the fall of 2016 – winter of 2017:

| <u>Number of Cattle</u> | <u>Pasture</u> | <u>Grazing Period (may be modified to meet utilization)</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|
| 160                     | Gray Hills     | 11/8/16 - 12/31/16  |
| 160                     | Andres Mesa    | 1/1/17 - 1/31/17  |
| 160                     | Sand Trap      | 2/1/17 - 2/28/17  |
| 160                     | China Dam      | 3/1/17 - 5/25/17  |
| 160                     | Robert E       | 5/26/17 - 5/31/17   |
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- 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 utilization levels. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above.
- You are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.
- If you have a question about the utilization levels you are observing please contact your Forest Officer for a visit to your allotment.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ALLOWABLE USE

Cattle will be moved to the next scheduled pasture or off the allotment when allowable use standards are met, no matter what the agreed upon dates are.

The following is maximum allowable use: **Uplands:** *On palatable grasses:* 40% while actively growing, 40% during dormant periods. This percentage is of the total weight of the current year's production. *On shrubs:* browsing of 40% of available leaders. **Riparian:** *On palatable grasses and sedges:* 20% of the total weight available. *On shrubs:* browsing of 20% of available leaders.

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 1/4 mile of water. Instead, place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Maintenance will follow the standards in your Part 3 of your grazing permit. In addition to routine maintenance, the following must be accomplished.

The Permittee will: Maintain watergap on Verde River.

The Forest Service will: attain Arc clearance for the following dirt tank maintenance:  
China Dam + Sand Trap

PERMITTEE COMMENTS and SUGGESTIONS

PERMIT CONDITIONS

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.

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.)

APPROVED BY: [Signature] District Ranger 10/7/16 Date

AGREED TO BY: Logan W Hefner Permittee 10/7/16 Date