

**2017 Annual Operating Instructions  
Contreras Allotment**

**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.

**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>
100	Spring	3/1 - 3/17
	North	3/17 - 6/17
	East	6/17 - 9/17
	South	9/17 - 11/17
	Reef Study	11/17 - 2/28

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. In the tobosa pastures, 8" of stubble height must be left for antelope cover.

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**

Maintenance will follow the standards in your Part 3 of your grazing permit.

**Permittee Comments And Suggestions**

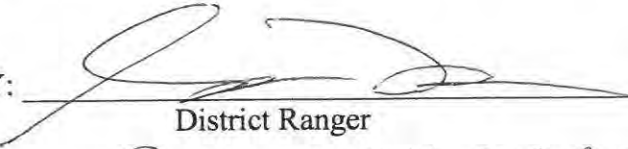
**Travel management**

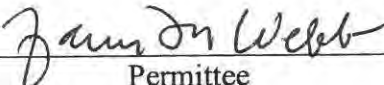
The Prescott National Forest designated a system of roads and trails that are open to motor vehicle use in 1989 through Forest Plan Amendment #4. Motor vehicle use off the designated road system by the permit holder to conduct activities associated with administration of the term grazing permit is allowed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

Approval of these Annual Operating Instructions is a decision is subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 251. Appeals must be fully consistent with 36CFR 251.90 "Contents of Notice of Appeal ". Appeals must be filed with Teresa Chase, Forest Supervisor, 344 S. Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona 86303 with a copy simultaneously sent to Sarah Tomsy, District Ranger, at 344 S. Cortez St, Prescott AZ , within 45 days of the date of decision.

APPROVED BY:  2/10/17  
District Ranger Date  
SARAH TOMSKY, DISTRICT RANGER

AGREED TO BY:  2-10-17  
Permittee Date