

## 2017 Annual Operating Instructions Grapevine Allotment

### Resource Objectives For This Grazing Season

Perennial grasses and major browse species in Powerline Pasture need rest in order to provide time to recover from the drought we're currently experiencing. Mingus pasture will be grazed if enough winter moisture is received to provide livestock waters. Ensure water is available for wildlife in pastures cattle are not in and wildlife escape ramps area in place in troughs.

Stocking is based on currently available forage. At this stocking the possibility exists that cattle will need to be removed unless abundant winter precipitation is received.

### Authorization

Upon payment of fees livestock are authorized as follows for 2017

Number of Livestock	Pasture	Grazing Period (may be modified)
100 C/C	Grapevine	March - May
50 C/C	Grapevine trap	May
50 C/C	Hideout pvt land trap	May
30 C/C	Mingus	June - Oct
50 C/C	Powerline	June - Oct
20 C/C	Grapevine and Lower grapevine	June - Oct
50 C/C	Grapevine trap	Oct
50 C/C	Hideout pvt land trap	Oct
100 C/C	Powerline, Grapevine, Lower grapevine	Nov – 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. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above.

### 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.

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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.

**Comments And Suggestions**

Please work to keep cattle onto Grapevine allotment and extra effort to maintain fence near Methodist camp.

**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.)

**PASTURES**

Hideout	208
Grapevine	8058
Powerline	3260
Mingus	2270
<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>14186</u>

NEPA Decision Notice 1/8/1996

APPROVED BY:

*Todd Walker*

District Ranger

*2/9/2017*

Date

AGREED TO BY:

*Ron Fair*  
Permittee

*2-9-2017*

Date