

2015 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS HASSAYAMPA ALLOTMENT

The objectives of these instructions are to:

- Identify specific management tools/resource objectives for this grazing season
- Review Allotment Management Plan
- Review general permit administration and livestock management requirements, and
- Document any needs or agreements beyond the standard directions.

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.

AUTHORIZATION

Upon payment of fees livestock are authorized as follows for GY 2015:

<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified to meet utilization)</u>
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No Grazing Authorized this year due to Resource Concerns.

- 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.

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 dates on paper are.

The following is maximum allowable use: **Uplands:** *On palatable grasses:* 35-45% use on key forage plants in upland key areas. *On shrubs:* browsing of 50% of available leaders.

Riparian: Minimum stubble height: 4-6" sedges and rushes; 8" on deergrass. *On riparian obligates (Cottonwood, Willow and/or Alders) shrubs:* 20% utilization by weight, less than 50% of terminal leaders browsed.

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 (this includes seeps and springs). 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 is planned for this year:

All waters and fences need to be maintained to Forest Standards.

Collins Spring development is in need of cleaning.

Corrals and water lots need to be maintained to contain or keep out any livestock.

Triggers need to be added as needed.(Carter, Middlewater, Orofino Wash)

MANAGEMENT COMMENTS:

Focus should be on maintaining all boundary and interior fences and water developments. Control of livestock has been lacking on this allotment and will be a major factor in future stocking decisions. Fences and water lots are key in controlling movement of livestock.

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: _____

District Ranger

Date

12/18/15

AGREED TO BY: _____

Permittee

Date

12-18-15