

Forest Service Tonto Basin Ranger District

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Brent Musslewhite, BHP Copper Havens Allotment P.O. Box M 28545 S. Veterans Memorial Blvd. San Manual, AZ 85631

## Dear Brent:

The following are your 2023 annual operating instructions (AOI) for the Havens 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**

As described in Term Grazing Permit # 12185 non-use has been authorized on the Havens Allotment for the 2023 grazing year, you are authorized to take non-use and no livestock will be gazed on the Allotment.

#### Monitoring:

We will conduct allotment inspections in each individual unit on the Havens Allotment to determine that non-use is occurring. You will be invited to participate in these inspections. If livestock are found on the allotment we will work with you to identify ownership of the livestock and request they be removed immediately.

# Range Improvement Maintenance:

As the grazing permittee you are responsible for maintenance of all structural range improvements to Forest Service standards as provided for in Part 2, Clause 8(i) of your term grazing permit. This must be accomplished even though the allotment has been placed in non-use. Please ensure that wildlife access and escape ramps are in place and completely functional at all times. This is essential to our commitment to multiple use management. Routine maintenance of range improvements does not require approval however the use of heavy equipment for cleaning tanks, etc. requires notification to the District in advance of the project.

#### 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 (602) 225-5332.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Plain District Ranger

CC: Eric Hoskins Ina Yazzie

