

**2017 Annual Operating Instructions  
Horner Mountain Allotment**

**Resource Objectives For This Grazing Season**

Conditions are improved but the drought is still affecting vegetation. Perennial grasses and browse need close management in order to continue to recover from the drought effects.

**Water must be available for wildlife when cattle are not in a pasture so leave storage tanks and troughs full.** To avoid damage to wells they do not have to be left on when cattle are removed from a pasture although we recommend you periodically check the availability of water and refill storage tanks and troughs. This is an item that Horner Mountain Ranch has been very aware of and it is noticed and appreciated.

**Authorization**

Upon payment of fees livestock are authorized as follows for 2017:

Number of Livestock	Pasture	Grazing Period (may be modified)
330 C/C & Bulls	Dogtown	March - June
330 C/C & Bulls	Horner	July - October
330 C/C & Bulls	Marlow	November – February 2018
5 horses	Horse/Holding	Yearlong

The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, when you make your annual authorization. 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, do so, and 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.

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. Maintenance on FDR 68E will be allowed so permittee can access other range improvements on the allotment.

**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**

Holding 764 acres  
Marlow 3520  
Horner 4651  
Arnold 4445  
Dogtown 4668  
Total Acres 18048

NEPA Decision Notice 7/21/1995  
AMP 5/7/12

APPROVED BY: Todd Wilford 2-7-17  
District Ranger Date

AGREED TO BY: [Signature] 2-7-17  
Permittee Date <sup>BZ</sup>