

**2021
Annual Operating Instructions
Horseshoe Allotment**

This document serves as your 2021 Grazing Year, Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Antelope Hills Allotment. This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a).

GRAZING SCHEDULE

*Any changes from these Annual Operating Instructions is to be coordinated and confirmed in advance and will be made only with prior written Forest Service Officer Approval. (An Amendment)

*If emergency conditions require making an immediate change, notify the Forest Service Officer promptly.

Authorization

Nonuse due for resource protection due to current conditions resulting last summer's Exceptional Drought and current extreme drought conditions.

RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for THIS GRAZING SEASON

Total rest from grazing until proper conditions exist on the allotment. Forest will determine proper conditions through an Interdisciplinary Team assessment.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Maintenance

Range improvements assigned to you are to be fully maintained annually to comply with permit requirements. Any maintenance you perform must conform to the standards specified by your District Rangeland Management Specialist. The grazing permittee is responsible for all maintenance materials, supplies and equipment necessary to properly maintain all range structural improvements. The Forest may replace range structural improvement materials and/or supplies at the end of the improvement's life if properly maintained; when maintenance and repair is no longer feasible to keep the improvement properly maintained and functioning.

Maintenance/Projects:

2021

*Plateau/Hackberry Fence Replacement
Stock tank cleaning - Wood Trail*

2022

Pipeline extension Plateau

2023

Red Flat Trick Tank water development

2024

Vegetation treatments

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

To aide in determining the initial livestock numbers the Standard Precipitation Index (SPI) and the US Drought Monitor Report was discussed. The SPI and the US Drought Monitor showed our area in a ~~low~~ drought.

HIGH

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

The Antelope Hills Permittee will be allowed trailing to/from base property to/from Antelope Hills Allotment under the following circumstances:


- Notify Forest officer at least two full weeks prior to move. Provide specific date of trailing. If move is cancelled, let FS know.

Trailing through a pasture on the Horseshoe Allotment while it is being grazed will only be approved with prior coordination of that permittee, and approval of the Forest Officer.

Approval of trailing will be through an Antelope Hills AOI amendment.

Failure to comply may result in cancellation of crossing privilege.

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).

ACCEPTED BY: under Protest !!  4-8-21
 Permittee Date
 since we are off the allotment

APPROVED BY:  4-8-21
 Tony Papa, Deputy District Ranger Date