

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
FOR
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND NON-USE AGREEMENT**
Between

Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw Ranger District
(USDA, Forest Service)

And

Lazy LO Ranch LLC, Holder of Term Grazing Permit for the Horsethief Allotment

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide a means by which the parties involved can cooperatively provide for the repair and maintenance of range developments on the allotment without jeopardizing permittee's Term Permit permitted numbers. This MOU is designed to provide flexibility and cooperation. Either party can at any time request modification or cancellation of this agreement with 30 day written notice.

STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS: The Prescott National Forest, and Lazy LO Ranch LLC, are each committed to the proper management and improvement of range, watershed, riparian and wildlife habitat resource within the Horsethief Allotment. Each entity recognizes that there are limitations to each other's resources, authority, administration, and management direction. It is also recognized that due to the current non-functioning condition of many of the range improvements on the allotment coupled with the extreme drought conditions at this time, effective livestock grazing is contingent upon the repair of fences and waters to functional condition.

FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

- 1) Waive the requirement to validate the permit by stocking 90% of permitted numbers for the duration of this agreement.
- 2) Authorize Resource Protection non-use up to 100% per year, until range improvements have been returned to functional condition and condition has been verified by Forest Service personnel.
- 3) Provide an administrative free use permit for posts and stays, for *reconstruction* of fences.
- 4) Provide additional fence and other materials as funding available, and replacement is necessary.
- 5) Work toward authorization to use power tools in Wilderness in order to expedite fence repair.

PERMITTEE SHALL:

- 1) Take Resource Protection non-use on Horsethief Allotment, until range improvements are functioning and inspected by Forest Service personnel.
- 2) Proceed with due diligence to repair, maintain, and or reconstruct assigned range developments to accomplish the schedule listed below.

