

HOUSEROCK C&H ALLOTMENT ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the Annual Operating Instructions for the 2021 -2022 grazing season and will be considered part of your term grazing permit. The changes in the agreed upon operation of the allotment have been approved in writing by the North Kaibab District Ranger.

I. Permitted/Authorized/Actual Use

Schoppmann Land and Livestock - John A. Schoppmann											
Permitted				Authorized							
No's	On Date	Off Date	AUM's	No's	On Date	Off Date	AUM's				
105	11/25	3/31	418	105	11/27	4/2	418				
32	12/1	3/31	127	10	11/27	4/2	40				

II. Tentative Grazing Schedule

Pasture	Authorized Livestock	Season	% Utilization
Houserock (Schoppmann L&L)	105	11/27/20 – 4/2/21	** 40% forage/ **50% Browse
Houserock (J. Schoppmann)	32	11/27/20 - 4/2/21	** 40% forage/ **50% Browse

****Forage utilization standards** are set at 40% of the current year's production in key areas (40% allowable use) 50% use on browse.

These dates are tentative.** The dates and sequence of use may be changed due to forage and/or weather or moisture conditions. If for these reasons or any others you wish to make changes, ***please discuss it with us before you do so.

Livestock are to be kept on the higher elevations of the allotment throughout the season. If an emergency occurs such as heavy snowfall, livestock would be permitted in the lower elevations.

The Forest Service has completed an Environmental Analysis in 2006 for this allotment. When a supplemental Decision Memo is completed by the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip Field Office, a Coordinated Resource Management Plan will be implemented to reflect a change in the grazing season on the Forest. Until this occurs, the grazing season will remain the as it has been.

The allotment will be monitored for utilization, forage and permittee compliance.

III. Permittee Management Responsibilities

1. The proper placement of salt or supplement is a valuable distribution aid. Salt or supplement will be placed ¼ mile from water and out of site from heavily used roads and trails.
2. Herd your animals away from concentrated use areas so that overuse does not result. Livestock should be checked often to ensure that they do not drop into the lower valley and ride the fences. When livestock drop into the lower valley, utilization will be monitored and when utilization levels are reached livestock will be removed to BLM pasture.
3. Towards the end of the grazing season water may be short. This will need to be evaluated towards the end of the season.
4. The end of the season as specified above is the date by which the authorized number of livestock are to be removed from the allotment. As you know, it is not possible to gather and remove livestock in one or two days, and we encourage you to start moving livestock in advance of the off date so that a violation of the permit does not occur.
5. Pay your grazing bills in a timely manner to the address as per the instructions sent with your grazing bill.

Key Area Monitoring

Key areas for monitoring forage utilization are generally located within ½ - 1 mile from water sources. The Permittees and the FS will decide on the locations before livestock enter the allotment. These locations will be added to the Annual Operating Instructions.

Pedio Cactus

The House Rock Allotment has approximately 90 percent of its area considered as Pedio Cactus habitat. Any new construction and salting should be done away from the known plots.

Maintenance and Construction in 2020/21.

Maintenance:

All fences and waters need to be maintained before entering the allotment. FS and Permittees will look at the Improvements before livestock enter the allotment and assess the needs for the allotment.

DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY
1. REMOVE OR REPLACE CATTLE GUARD ON EAST SIDE GAME ROAD	FS/permittee/AG&F

If problems arise or FS help is needed contact Geoffroy Anderson at (928) 643-8136 at our Office.

These Annual Operating Instructions become part of your Term Grazing Permit. **Any change to this plan requires prior written approval of the District Ranger.** Changes not authorized by the District Ranger in advance are violations of the terms and conditions of the permit and can result in suspension or cancellation of the Term Grazing Permit, in whole or in part.

Following these Annual Operating Instructions will meet the Section 7 consultation requirements on the Allotment.

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