

HOUSEROCK C&H ALLOTMENT ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the Annual Operating Instructions for the winter 2023 and winter/spring 2024 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

| Schoppmann Land and Livestock | | | | | | | |
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| Term Grazing Permit | | | | Authorized | | | |
| NO's | On Date | Off Date | Head Months | NO's | On Date | Off Date | Head Months |
| 105 | 11/25 | 3/31 | 425 | 60 | 11/25 | 03/31 | 6 |

| J. Schoppmann Revocable Trust | | | | | | | |
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| Term Grazing Permit | | | | Authorized | | | |
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| 32 | 12/1 | 3/31 | 127 | 10 | 12/01 | 03/31 | |

II. Tentative Grazing Schedule

| Pasture | Authorized Livestock | Season | % Utilization |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Houserock (Schoppmann Land and Livestock) | 60 | *11/25/23 – 03/31/24 | 40% Forage 50% Browse |
| Houserock (J. Schoppmann Revocable Trust) | 10 | *12/01/23 – 03/31/24 | 40% Forage 50% Browse |

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, after a conversation with authorized officials.

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

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 same as it has been.

III. Permittee Management Responsibilities

1. The permit is not validated until the grazing fees are paid and the livestock are turned onto the forest, in that order.

2. The proper placement of salt or mineral supplement is a valuable distribution aid. Salt or mineral supplement will not be located closer than ¼ mile from water, fences, and other areas of livestock concentrations. Salt and mineral supplements will not be placed within sight of roads, trails, and any area frequented by the public. Salt will also be moved from grazed areas to ungrazed areas as needed.
3. 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 from the pasture.
4. Towards the end of the grazing season water may be short. This will need to be evaluated towards the end of the season.
5. 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.

IV. Forage Utilization Standards

The forage utilization standards have undergone consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under Section 7 Consultation

Forage utilization standards are set at 40% of the current year's production in key areas (40% allowable use) and 50% use on the browse species. Key areas are generally those that contain available forage within 1 mile from water. The allotment will be monitored for utilization, forage and permittee compliance.

Key Area to be Monitored:

| Pasture | Key Area Location | Key Area # | Description |
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| Houserock | Houserock Trick Tank | 001/001A | Valley Bottom |
| | Murray Trick Tank | 002/002A | Valley Bottom |
| | Houserock Valley (Parker Ranch Road) | 003/003A | Valley Bottom |

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.

V. Improvement Maintenance

All improvements within the pasture and the fence of the pasture are to be maintained and operational prior to the entry date for that pasture. Improvement maintenance standards can be found on pages 4-7 of your Term Grazing Permit: Improvements are to be maintained during years of partial or total non-use: improvements within any rested pastures are to be maintained.

| Projects | RESPONSIBILITY |
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| 1. Removal of the cattle guard cattle on the eastside game road. ** | Permittee |
| 2. Three Lakes (East Side jct. 284 & 284c) and Red Point dirt tanks cleaned and bentonite added. | Forest Service |

IF ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ARISE, PLEASE CONTACT FOREST SERVICE STAFF AT (928) 643-8136 DURING REGULAR FOREST SERVICE BUSINESS HOURS.

**Permittees will ensure the cattle are pushed back from the area the eastside game road where the cattle guard for this year until a definitive plan can be formed for a permanent solution.

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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| <i>/s/ Harvey Schoppmann</i> John & Valerie Schoppmann Revocable Trust | 11/24/2023 Date: |
| <i>/s/ Harvey Schoppmann</i> Schoppmann Land and Livestock | 11/24/2023 Date: |
| <i>/s/ Randall Walker</i> Randall Walker - District Ranger, North Kaibab Ranger District | 12/19/2023 Date: |