

**Winter 2016 and Spring 2017  
ANNUAL OPERATING PROCEDURES  
K4 ALLOTMENT**

The objectives of these instructions are, prior to the grazing season, to:

- Identify specific management tools/resource objectives for this grazing season
- Review general permit administration and livestock management requirements, and
- Document any needs or agreements beyond the standard directions.

MANAGEMENT TOOLS/RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for this GRAZING SEASON

AUTHORIZATION

The following mature livestock (no bulls or calves) are authorized:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (modify if needed to meet utilization)</u>
125	Round	11/1/16 - 4/7/17
175	Indian	10/17/16 - 3/15/17

- Please give the Forest Officer actual use, by pasture, as livestock are moved from one pasture to another.
- 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, notify the Forest Officer promptly.
- Follow-up opening the gate with active riding so 90% of cattle are moved by the date, with active riding thereafter, to complete the move.
- Move your livestock early regardless of any agreed update, to avoid exceeding utilization levels.
- If you have a question about the utilization levels you are observing please contact your Forest Officer for a visit to your allotment.
- You are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.

ALLOWABLE USE

- 35-45% utilization of key forage plants in upland key areas as measured at the end of the seasonal use period.

- Up to 50-60% leaders browsed on key upland woody species.
- Minimum stubble height on key riparian herbaceous species: four to six inches where sedges and rushes are key and eight inches where deergrass is key.
- Up to 20% use by weight on key woody species within riparian areas: or less than 50% of terminal leaders browsed on woody species less than 6 feet tall.
- Cattle will be moved off the allotment or to next authorized pasture regardless of dates when allowable use standards are met.

### SALT AND SUPPLEMENTS

The thoughtful placement of salt, mineral and protein is a valuable distribution aid. Salt will not be located in areas favored by livestock, 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 planned for this grazing season: Plans to go through all the fences.

- Maintain Juniper Spring + pipelines by 10/1/17
- FS supply storage + fire trough
- Maintain chucks tank + trap by 12/31/16 JK
- Permittee will close two track going to Bald Mtn Well
- Permittee will roll fence up N. of Walnut Creek, by Quartz Wash allot
- Permittee will maintain improvement #006K01, in Juniper wilderness by 4/1/17

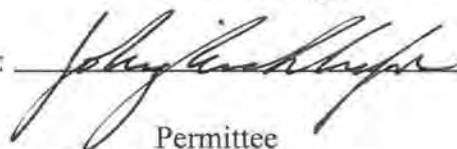
### PERMITTEE COMMENTS and SUGGESTIONS

### PERMIT CONDITIONS

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.

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.)

APPROVED BY:  10/11/16  
District Ranger Date

AGREED TO BY:  10-11-16  
Permittee Date