

GRAZING YEAR 2018-2019
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
LIMESTONE ALLOTMENT 112

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

Proper livestock management practices, e.g., distribution, timing of grazing, and intensity of grazing, must be managed closely to provide for plant maintenance, improved vigor, and maintenance/improvement of vegetative ground cover.

AUTHORIZATION

Upon payment of fees, livestock are authorized as follows for 2018-2019:

<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified to meet utilization)</u>
20	Bullocke	10/15/18 - 10/31/18 ✓
200	Bullocke	11/1/18 - 1/15/19 ✓
200	Wineglass	1/16/19 - 2/28/19 ✓

The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, after livestock are off the allotment.

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.

Move your livestock regardless of the date shown above, to avoid exceeding utilization levels. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above.

You are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.

ALLOWABLE USE

Cattle will be moved to the next scheduled pasture or off the allotment when allowable use standards are met, no matter what the dates on paper are.

The following is maximum allowable use: **Uplands:** *On palatable grasses:* 40% while actively growing, 55% during dormant periods. This percentage is of the total weight of the current year's production. *On shrubs:* browsing of 50% of available leaders. **Riparian:** *On palatable grasses and sedges:* 30% of the total weight available. *On shrubs:* browsing of 50% of available leaders.

Failure to remove your cattle to avoid use above the allowable levels is a violation of these instructions and the terms of your grazing permit.

SALT AND SUPPLEMENTS

The thoughtful placement of salt, mineral, and protein is a valuable distribution aid. Do not place salt, protein, or other supplements in heavy use areas or within a ¼ mile of water (this includes seeps and springs). 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. In addition to routine maintenance, the following is planned for this year:

The Permittee will:

- Contact Drake Cement + BNSF as soon as possible, keep FS updated.
- Maintain Cordes, + Rin dirt tanks + waterlots
- Maintain + continue to inspect to North Boundary + waterlots in the Upper unit
- Look into Fence between wireglass + benches. Need CG, Arc, Fence material + Survey

The Forest Service will:


MANAGEMENT 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:

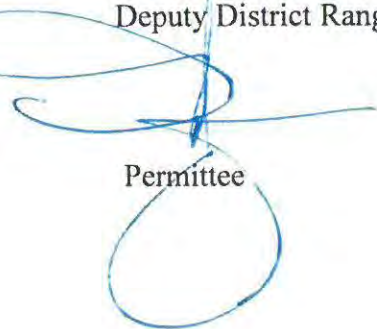


Deputy District Ranger

10/9/18

Date

AGREED TO BY:



Permittee

10/9/2018

Date