

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2017-2018
MULDOON ALLOTMENT 109
CHINO VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT

PLANNING OBJECTIVES

Prior to and during this grazing season, identify management constraints for the development and modification of this Annual Operating Instructions (AOI); such as:

- Identify specific management tools/resource objectives and constraints 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

AUTHORIZATION

Upon payment of fees, livestock are authorized as follows for 2017/2018:

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Pasture</u> | <u>Grazing Period</u> |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 100 | North | 11/1/17 - 2/15/18 |
| 240 | Trapper | 11/1/17 - 11/25/17 |
| 240 | King | 11/26/17 - 12/31/17 |
| 240 | Wildcat | 1/1/18 - 1/21/18 |
| 240 | W Ten Mile | 1/22/18 - 3/22/18 |
| 240 | E Ten Mile | 3/23/18 - 5/15/18 |

- The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, after livestock are off the allotment.
- Any change from these Annual Operating Instructions must be coordinated and confirmed in advance with the District Ranger, a week or two in advanced notice is best. If emergency conditions require making a change immediately, notify your allotment administrator promptly.
- Remnant stock. Schedule your gathering to have 90+% of livestock off by the end of the graze period date, with active riding for strays thereafter. The Forest prefers to have all stock removed from a pasture with ten days following end of the season. A few stragglers can make a difference when they are spending time in the preferred areas which have already been grazed.
- You are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.

ALLOWABLE USE

- **Uplands:** On key forage plants of moderate to high vigor: 40%. This percentage is of the total weight of the current year's production, measurements taken at the time livestock are moved.
- **Shrubs:** Browsing of 40% of available leaders.

- **Grasslands on alluvial soils:** 30% on key forage species.
- **Riparian Herbaceous:** On palatable grasses and sedges: 30% of the total weight available, leaving a minimum of 4" stubble.
- **Riparian Woody:** On woody brush and tree species 20% of the current year's leader growth.
- 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 (this includes seeps and springs). Instead, place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance will follow the standards in your Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit.
- see the attached improvement enclosure, improvement list will be completed by 11-2-18. Permittee is applying for NRCS, B+F + MDF funding

MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

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.)

AGREED TO BY: *J. Fletcher* 10-10-17
 JIM FLETCHER, Date
 Grazing Permittee, Muldoon Allotment

APPROVED BY: *C. Clark* 10-13-17
 (for Sarah Tomsky) Date
 Acting District Ranger, Chino Valley District