

**OLD CAMP ALLOTMENT  
2017 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

Cedar Ridge Livestock, Inc.

**PLANNING OBJECTIVES**

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

**AUTHORIZATION**

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

<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be</u> to meet utilization)
<u>modified</u> 25	South	3/1/17 - 4/25/17
25	PVT	4/26/17 - 5/25/17
25	East	5/26/17 - 7/26/17
25	PVT	7/27/17 - 8/4/17
25	West	8/5/17 - 10/15/17
25	PVT	10/16/17 - 12/16/17
25	South	12/17/17 - 2/28/18

**MANAGEMENT TOOLS**

- Follow forage and browse use standards. Utilization needs to be at a level that allows for sufficient litter to protect soils and watershed conditions and provide an opportunity for perennial grasses and major browse species to maintain or improve their vigor. Cattle will be moved to the next scheduled pasture or off the allotment when allowable use standards are met, regardless of the planned move dates shown below.
- A management guideline of 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 the 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.

- 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.

**MANAGEMENT TOOLS (continued)**

- The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture.
- 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 allowable use 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.

**RANGE IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION OR BETTERMENT**

- 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:
  - Permittee will inquire about additional funding for improvements ie EBRP, AZ 64.
  - No reconstruction planned this year, continue to maintain.
  - Permittee would like to be made priority for juniper treatment, when NEPA completed on Chino restoration.

**MANAGEMENT COMMENTS**

Continue to push cows + salt in order to utilize different parts of each pasture. A lot of moisture, from 7-1-16 to 1-31-17, 16 inches of moisture measured in North unit and 18 inches in South unit, Weather

**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: [Signature] 2/14/17  
 Permittee Date

APPROVED BY: [Signature] 2/22/17  
 Chino Valley District Ranger Date