

**2016-2017
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
PERKINSVILLE ALLOTMENT**

Resource Objectives For This Grazing Season

Perennial grasses and major browse species within these pastures have recovered somewhat with the summer rains. Due to some recent timely moisture the allotment is showing signs of recovery. When cattle are not in a pasture, ensure water is available for wildlife and escape ramps are in place on troughs.

Authorization

Spring 2017 you are authorized to graze the following cattle. Upon payment of fees livestock are authorized as follows:

<u>Number of Livestock</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified)</u>
North Side		
135 134 Cows/calves	Perkinsville North (Rafael Tank)	Jan.1 – Feb. 15
67 Cows/calves	Perkinsville North (Packard Mesa)	Feb – April 15
67 Cows/calves	Cedar creek	Feb 15 – March 15
67 Cows/calves	Cow flat	March 15 – April 15
134 Cows/calves	Perkinsville North (west side)	April 15 – May 15th
67 Cows/calves	Perkinsville North (west side)	May 15 – June 15
15 17 Bulls	Beef	Jan 1 – April 25
43 44 Cows/calves	Cotton	Jan 1 – May 20
8 bulls	Perkinsville North (west side)	April 26- May 15
5 bulls	Perkinsville North (west side)	May 15 – June 15th
2 bulls	Beef	April 26 - May 20
South side		
125 Cows/calves	Woodchute	Jan 1 – Jan 14
125 Cows/calves	Horsecamp	Jan 15 – March 15
125 Cows/calves	Munds Draw	March 16 – May 27
6 bulls	Munds Draw	April 26 – May 27
55 Cows/calves Cows/calves	Loco Flat	Jan 1 – March 1

WEAVER CALVES

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 allowable use (utilization) levels.

Allowable Use

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

9" stubble height must be left between April and May on Loco Flat and Little Black Mesa.

On Off Trailing of Cattle

Permittee is authorized to trail cattle onto the Forest from private lands. Permittee must notify Forest in advance dates of trailing of cattle on and off Forest. Estimated Dates of on off are November 12 2016.

Salt And Supplements

The thoughtful placement of salt, mineral, and protein is a valuable distribution aid. Salt will not be located in heavy use areas, including within 1/4 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.

For this Grazing season the following Range Improvements will be the focus of maintenance:

List tanks to be cleaned in 2017

Rafael
Horse Camp
China Dam
Wood Trail

Rebuild Rafael Water lot.
and corral.

Permittee Comments And Suggestions

Motor Vehicle Use of Designated road system

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.

Permit Conditions

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: _____

District Ranger

12/20/16
Date

AGREED TO BY: _____

Perkins Ranch Inc.
Permittee

by Daniel K. Meyer 12/20/16
Date