

**Winter 2016 and Spring 2017
ANNUAL OPERATING PROCEDURES
STEPHENS 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>
200	West	11/1/16 - 12/31/16
200	East	1/1/17 - 1/31/17

- 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

The following is maximum allowable use: **Uplands:** *On palatable grasses of moderate to high vigor:* 35% while actively growing, 45% 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, leaving a minimum of 4" stubble. *Woody:* browsing of 20% of available leaders. Cattle will be moved to the next scheduled pasture or off the allotment 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.

Permittee will clean/maintain Tank #1 in East unit, all work will stay within current footprint of tank and no road maintenance is required. Moving Forest Boundary Fence in NE of West Unit is on hold for now. Deadline for Tank #1 is 10-31-16.
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: [Signature] District Ranger 10/5/16 Date

AGREED TO BY: James W Punterney Permittee 10/5/2016 Date