

2017 Annual Operating Instructions Todd Allotment

Resource Objectives For This Grazing Season

The objective is to make use of the annuals and as much of the tobosa as allowed, and use BLM pastures when utilization has been met. This flexibility of using the two agencies lands enhances management options during drought.

Ensure water is available to wildlife and escape ramps are in place on troughs.

Authorization

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

<u>Number of Livestock</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified)</u>
80 c/c	2	March 6 to June 6
40 horses	1 (west pasture)	March 1- June 30

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. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above.

Allowable Use

The following is maximum allowable use: *On perennial grasses (aristida [3-awn] and sideoats):* 35% while actively growing. This percentage is of the total weight of the current year's production. *On shrubs:* browsing of 50% of available leaders. Riparian utilization is 30% on sedges, rushes and perennial grasses in the Little Ash Creek floodplain. Riparian woody plants can have 45% of new leaders browsed, this equates to 20% utilization. Use on leaders is measured by counting the number of leaders on **grazed** plants, 9 of 20 is 45%. Count on several plants within areas where cattle water. If utilization is reached in the pasture 2 water lane the fence will be closed. Average stubble height of 8 inches must be left on tobosa in pastures (away from water and in the middle of the gazing area) for antelope cover. If this height is met, livestock must be moved immediately regardless of dates given above.

Cattle will be moved off the allotment (or to the next scheduled pasture, if conditions permit) 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.

Salt And Supplements

The thoughtful placement of supplements (salt, mineral, and protein) is a valuable distribution aid. Supplements will not be located in heavy use areas, 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.

Permittee Comments And Suggestions

Travel management-

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.)

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2-8-2017
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