

**V-Bar Allotment
2017 Annual Operating Instructions**

Resource Objectives for this Grazing Season

Perennial grasses and major browse species within these pastures need rest in order to provide time to recover from the drought we're currently experiencing. Keep livestock numbers low and move cattle when utilizations in pastures are met. Ensure wildlife water is available in pastures cattle are not in and wildlife escape ramps are in place on troughs.

Authorization

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

Number of Livestock	Pasture	Grazing Period (may be modified)
330 c/c	Vbars & Osbourne west	3/1-3/15
330 c/c	Osbourne Easts & Antelopes	3/16-5/15
90 c/c	Bull	5/10-5/15
30 Heifers	Creek	3/1-3/14
30 Heifers	Median S	5/11- 7/8
30 Heifers	Yarbo E&W	9/1-10/25
30 Heifers	Budweiser	11/10- 1/10/2018
30 Heifers	Creek	1/11- 2/28/2018
40 c/c	CGSE	3/1-10
40 c/c	CGNW	3/11-22
40 c/c	CGNE	3/23- 4/3
40 c/c	CGS	4/4-15
40 c/c	CGSW	4/16-27
40 c/c	Estler E	11/1 – 2/28/18
17 bulls	Bull	3/1-4/10
17 Bulls	Bull	9/3-11/1
10 bulls	Bull	11/1-1/5/18
17 Bulls	Bull	1/5-2/27/2018
400 C/C	Estler W	6/16-26
400 C/C	CGS	6/27-7/5
400 C/C	CGSE	7/6-12
400 C/C	CGNE	7/13-21
400 C/C	BCS	7/22-28
400 C/C	BCN	7/29-8/9
400 C/C	MED. N	8/10,11
400 C/C	MED S	8/12-21
400 C/C	CGNW	8/22-28
400 C/C	CGSW	8/28-9/2
400 C/C	SEC.20	9/3-9/9
400 C/C	YARBO E&W	10/15-1/10/18
400 C/C	VBARS & OSBOURNE W'S	1/11-2/28/18

The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, after livestock at the next annual authorization meeting. 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

Although utilization is not applied for time control grazing the stress on grasses because of the drought makes it necessary to ensure adequate stubble for thermal protection. As was observed when we monitored the allotment the areas of higher use had greater plant mortality so we agreed to go with utilization until plant health is sufficient to allow a return to time control. The following is maximum allowable use: Uplands: *On palatable grasses*: 35% while actively growing, 50% 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. *On shrubs*: browsing of 50% of available leaders.

Cattle will be moved to the next scheduled pasture when allowable use standards are met, no matter what the dates on paper are.

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 ¼ mile of water, except where paddock size restricts placement.

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.)

Decision Notice 9/28/2007 AMP 4/26/1986

PASTURES

Estler West	779 acres	V Bar Southwest	501
Estler East	1064	V Bar Southeast	642
Cattleguard Southeast	529	Osborne Southwest	585
Cattleguard South	837	Osborne Southeast	703
Section 20	553	Osborne Northeast	830
Cattleguard Northeast	613	Antelope Basin North	1021
Black Canyon South	505	Osborne Northwest	968
Median South	582	V Bar Northeast	812
Bull	666	V Bar Northwest	936
Black Canyon North	925	Private Bull 2	105
Median North	180	Cattleguard NW	612
Antelope Basin	849	Cattleguard SW	550
Private Bull 1	292	Heifer South	660
Creek	530	Heifer North	110
Yarbo East	1813	Redhill	1720
Yarbo West	1450	State NW	1400
Q1	304	State SW	1260
		<u>Far West</u>	<u>270</u>
		Total Acres	26156

APPROVED BY: Todd Wilford 2/6/17
District Ranger Date

AGREED TO BY: Znoch Maloney 2/6/17
Permittee Date