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Date: February 13, 2025

Dear Mr. Groseta,

This document serves as your amended 2025 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Verde Allotment. This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a).

I. AUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK NUMBERS/PERIOD OF USE/APPROVED NON-USE

Your 2025 Authorized Use Request has been approved and you are authorized the following Livestock Numbers and Periods of Use:

188 Adult Cattle (cow/calf and bulls)

3/01/2025-2/28/2026

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE

Annual stocking level (annual authorized livestock numbers and dates) are considered approximate. The actual dates and numbers may change due to many variables. The annual stocking level is based on current and expected forage production. The planned use period in a pasture and livestock numbers can/should be adjusted if conditions change, either shortened or lengthened, depending on forage availability but not in excess of the permitted numbers and utilization levels in key areas.

Changes to the grazing schedule will be made only with prior Forest Service approval

The following is the planned grazing sequence for the 2025 grazing season:

PASTURE NAME	PLANNED GRAZE PERIOD	LIVESTOCK NUMBERS
Black Canyon (Wilbur)	03/01-03/31	188 Head
Wilbur (North)	04/01-05/15	188 Head
Del Monte (6)/Christina	05/16-07/15	188 Head
Hayfield (Central)/Erosion Plot	07/16-09/30	188 Head
South	10/01-01/15	168 Head
Hull Hill/Shipping Pasture	10/01-01/15	20 Head
Goat Camp	01/16-02/28/2026	188 Head

Rested Pastures for GY 2025: Smoke Area North & South, Collier, Thousand Trails



can be accounted for and the effects of grazing in the whole management unit can be assessed. This allowable use level includes both livestock and wildlife. If use levels in key areas exceed the maximum allowable use before livestock enter a pasture, the pasture will not be used.

Upland Areas:

A maximum allowable intensity/utilization level in upland areas during the growing season is 40% on key perennial grass species, 50% on key species during the dormant season, and 50% of available growth leaders of shrubs.

Riparian Areas:

A maximum allowable intensity/utilization level in riparian areas is 35% on key grass, rush, and sedge species, and a maximum allowable utilization level of 20% (achieved when less than 50% of available growth leaders on key woody species under 6 feet).

Permittee Monitoring

The permittee will document the following items on the enclosed Actual Use Form during the 2025 grazing year: 1) Actual Grazing Period 2) Actual Livestock Numbers.

The permittee is encouraged to participate in Intensity and Utilization Monitoring.

***It is very important that the Actual Use Form is completed and submitted to your Rangeland Management Specialist at the end of the grazing year.**

V. SALTING AND PROTEIN BLOCK PRACTICES

Proper salt and protein block location can be a good tool to aid in livestock distribution and they will be used in a manner to spread livestock utilization throughout the pasture. A detailed description of the Prescott National Forest Salting and Supplemental Feeding policy can be found in Part 3 of your term grazing permit on page 5.

Page 5 of the Term Grazing Permit: Do not place mineral or salt within one-fourth (1/4) mile of water including riparian areas for the purpose of management of livestock is prohibited. This includes the use of salt to gather livestock.

VI. PORTABLE WATER HAULING

Temporary sites for portable haul water may be needed and should be used as necessary to assist in livestock distribution. Sites need to be approved before troughs are placed on site, may need archeological clearance. All troughs need to follow the same conditions as if they were permanent; like wildlife ramps/logs, placed on flat ground, etc.

VII. DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

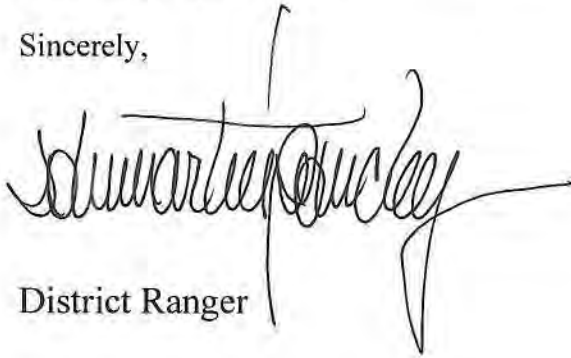
To aide in determining the initial livestock numbers the Standard Precipitation Index (SPI) and the US Drought Monitor Report was discussed. The SPI and the US Drought Monitor showed our area is currently not in drought status (SPI value 0). The on-going drought was

XI. 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.)

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact Amanda Sacek at (520) 345-3489.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Buckley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

District Ranger

Accepted by: Bob [unclear] 3-18-26
Permittee