

**2021
Annual Operating Instructions
Wagoner Allotment**

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

GRAZING SCHEDULE

The Annual stocking level (annual authorized livestock numbers and dates) are considered approximate. The actual dates and numbers may change due to many variables. 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 in key areas).

*Any changes from these Annual Operating Instructions is to be coordinated and confirmed in advance and will be made only with prior written Forest Service Officer Approval. (An Amendment)

*If emergency conditions require making an immediate change, notify the Forest Service Officer promptly.

Authorization

Upon payment of fees, the following is the planned grazing sequence:

| Number of Livestock | Pasture | Grazing Period |
|--|---------|----------------|
| 75 | Cherry | 5/15 -8/15 |
| <i>Will evaluate conditions in August to determine continued authorization</i> | | |
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Rested (Ungrazed) Pastures
Horse, Paxton & Big

RESOURCE MONITORING

Allowable Use

Uplands: A management guideline of 35-45% forage utilization of key forage plants as measured at the end of the growing season. Up to 50-60% browse use on key upland woody species. **Areas Needing Improvement:** A management guideline of up to 30% forage utilization of key forage plants in upland key areas as measured at the end of the growing season (see attached map). **Riparian:** *On palatable grasses and sedges:* 4-6" sedges and rushes and 8" where deergrass is key. *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.

The permittee is encouraged to participate in the allotment Monitoring process.

Actual Use

The permittee will document the following items on the enclosed Actual Use Form during the grazing year: 1) Pasture; 2) Actual Grazing Period; 3) Actual Livestock Numbers.

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

RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for THIS GRAZING SEASON

Proper livestock management practices, e.g. distribution, timing of grazing, and intensity of grazing, must be managed closely to provide for plant maintenance, improved vigor, and maintenance/improvement of vegetative ground cover. When cattle are not in a pasture, ensure water is available for wildlife and escape ramps are in place on troughs.

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 Salting and Supplemental Feeding policy can be found in Part 3 of your term grazing permit; (See AMP and Term Grazing Permit for the complete list of the guidelines.) Place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Maintenance

Range improvements assigned to you are to be fully maintained annually to comply with permit requirements. Any maintenance you perform must conform to the standards specified by your District Rangeland Management Specialist. The grazing permittee is responsible for all maintenance materials, supplies and equipment necessary to properly maintain all range structural improvements. The Forest may replace range structural improvement materials and/or supplies at the end of the improvement's life if properly maintained; when maintenance and repair is no longer feasible to keep the improvement properly maintained and functioning.

Projects:

Maintenance on fence between Horse and Big units

Add stays to Rock Holding fence

Float on storage at Indian Spring

Escape ramp on drinker at South Fork Well

Convert South Fork well to solar – FS provide solar set-up

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Holding corral (100'x100') at South Fork well – need heritage

ATV Cattle guards at Indian Spring enclosure – FS provide – Permittee install

Road into Baldy Trap maintained - need heritage

Berry Spring Drinker, Butler storage

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT


To aid 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 in a *Moderate* drought. It was agreed that due to the above factors as well as that with the current precipitation conditions and the fact that there was abundant forage left over in Cherry, which was rested the last two years due to lack of water. A close eye will be kept on use levels.

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

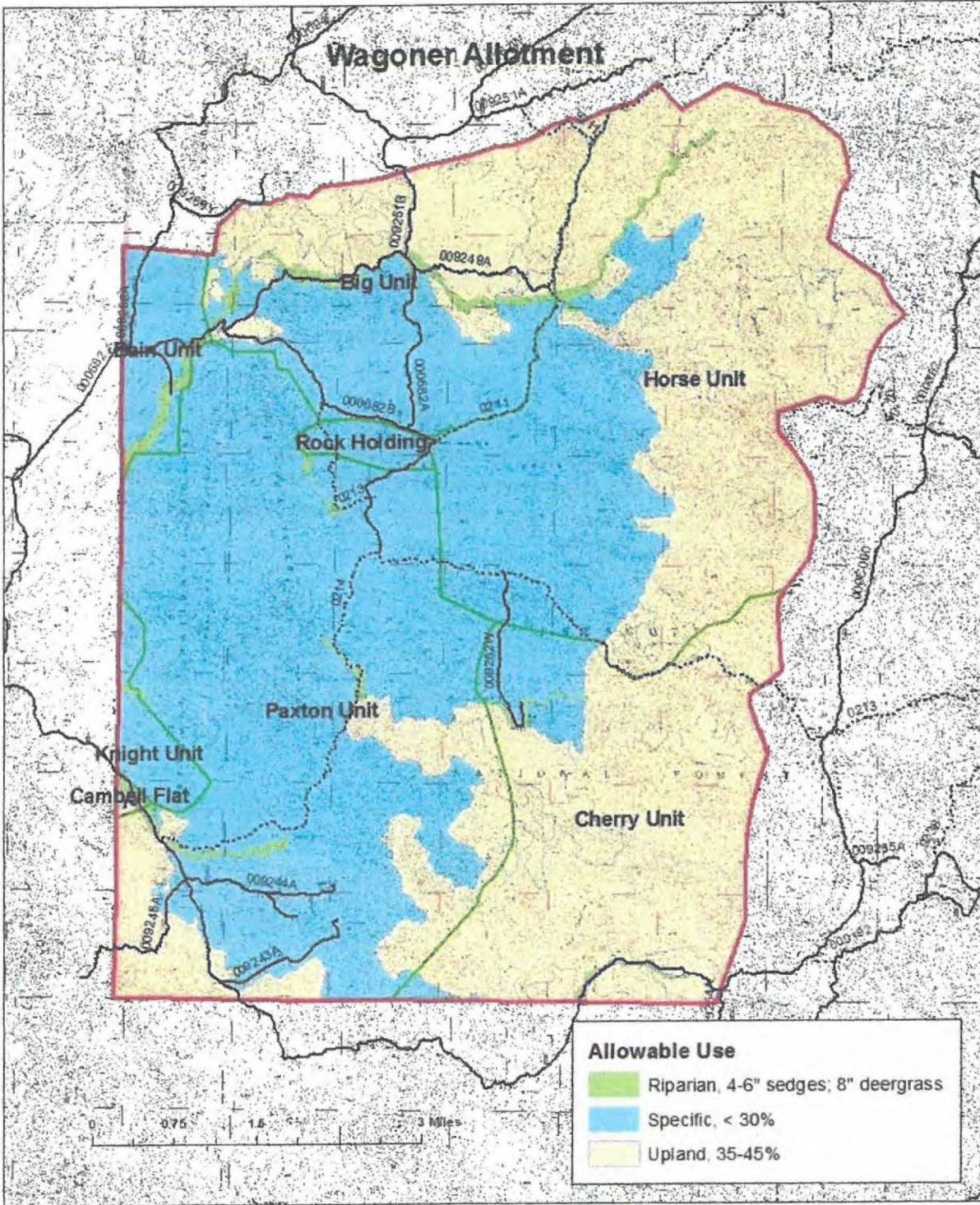
The Prescott National Forest designated a system of roads and trails that are open to motor vehicle use in 1989 through Forest Plan Amendment #4. Motor vehicle use off the designated road system by the permit holder to conduct activities associated with administration of the term grazing permit is allowed 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).

ACCEPTED BY:  4/26/2021
 Permittee Date

APPROVED BY:  04/29/2021
 Sarah Clawson, District Ranger Date



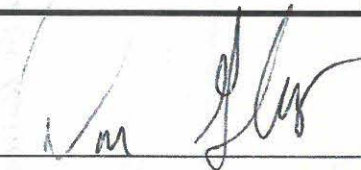
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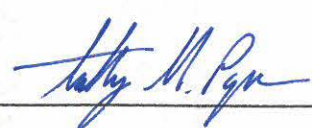
This document serves as an Amendment of your 2021 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Allotment. This amendment only affects section II Grazing Schedule of the 2021 AOI. The rest of the AOI would not change.

The Planned Graze period was adjusted per Adaptive Management Principles.

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE

| PASTURE NAME | PLANNED GRAZE PERIOD | LIVESTOCK NUMBERS |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Big | 08/16/21-11/01/2021 | 75 |
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ACCEPTED BY:  8/30/2021
Permittee Date

APPROVED BY:  10/20/2021
District Ranger Date

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Wagoner Allotment

This document serves as Amendment #1 of your 2021 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI). This amendment only affects section II Grazing Schedule of the AOI.

The Planned Graze period was adjusted per Adaptive Management Principles. Drought metric was used in August for continued grazing (see amendment 1). Follow up observations show light use in Big.

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE

| PASTURE NAME | PLANNED GRAZE PERIOD | LIVESTOCK NUMBERS |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Big | Nov 2 – Dec 31 | 75 |
| Paxton | Jan 1 – Jan 31 | 50 |
| Bain | Jan 1 – Jan 31 | 256 |
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APPROVED BY: _____

Tony Papa, Deputy District Ranger

Date