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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
FOR
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND NON-USE AGREEMENT
Between**

Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw Ranger District
(USDA, Forest Service)
And

Stella Byrd Carter Trust, Holder of Term Grazing Permit for the Walnut Grove Allotment

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide a means by which the parties involved can cooperatively provide for the repair and maintenance of range developments on these allotments without jeopardizing permittee's Term Permit permitted numbers. This MOU is designed to provide flexibility and cooperation. Either party can at any time request modification or cancellation of this agreement with 30 day written notice.

STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS: The Prescott National Forest, and Stella Byrd Carter Trust, are each committed to the proper management and improvement of range, watershed, riparian and wildlife habitat resource within the Walnut Grove Allotment. Each entity recognizes that there are limitations to each other's resources, authority, administration, and management direction. It is also recognized that due to the current non-functioning condition of many of the range improvements on the allotment coupled with the extreme drought conditions at this time, effective livestock grazing is contingent upon the repair of fences and waters to functional condition.

FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

- 1) Authorize Resource Protection non-use up to 100% per year, until range improvements have been returned to functional condition have been inspected by Forest Service personnel.
- 2) Provide no less than one mile of fence material (steel posts, wire, staples, and clips) and an administrative free use permit for posts and stays, for *reconstruction* of fences per year.
- 3) Provide additional fence and other materials as funding available, and replacement is necessary.

PERMITTEE SHALL:

- 1) Take Resource Protection non-use on Walnut Grove Allotment, until range improvements are functioning and inspected by Forest Service Personnel.
- 2) Proceed with due diligence to repair, maintain, and or reconstruct assigned range developments to accomplish the schedule listed below.

Range Improvement (Fences/water lots/corrals)	Date of Completion	Est. Distance
Boundary fence (323002) with Crooks Maverick	1 September 2020	1.4 miles
Interior fence (32014) maintained or rebuilt to standard	1 Oct 2021	2.0 miles
Boundary Fence east side (002D04) Peck Canyon	1 Oct 2021	1.4 miles
Boundary Fence (321018) with Wagoner Allot	1 Oct 2020	2.15 miles
Boundary Fence 321089 with Wagoner Allot	1 Oct 2020	0.45 miles
Lower Water Lot (323009) Remove or rebuild to standard	1 Oct 2022	.82 miles
Remove any remnant of Crooks Creek and Milk Creek Corrals (323007 & 323008)	1 Oct 2021	

Range Improvement (Waters)**	Estimated Date of Completion
Clean Upper Tank (32005)	1 Oct 2021
Add storage to Deer Spring Development (323016s)	1 Oct 2021
Clean Ross Tank (323023)	1 Oct 2021
Rebuild South Trick Tank Apron, drinker, and storage.(323012)	1 Oct 2020

** Once returned to functional condition these improvements will be charged and supplying water when cattle are in the associated pasture(s) unless earthen tanks are determined to be providing adequate water.

Agreed to and signed:



Arden Carter III, Stella Byrd Carter Trust, Permittee

1-6-2020

Date



Sarah Tomsy, Bradshaw District Ranger

01/15/2020

Date