

2017 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS WEST
BEAR / DEL RIO ALLOTMENT
ALAMIDA LAND AND CATTLE COMPANY LLC.

PURPOSE AND NEED:

The objectives of these instructions are, prior to the grazing season, to:

- Identify specific management tools/resource objectives for this grazing season
- Review general permit administration and livestock management requirements, and
- Document any needs or agreements beyond the standard directions.

RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for this GRAZING SEASON

- The Forest has received good precipitation since the past growing season. To ensure cool season grass seedling establishment occurs, proper livestock management practices, e.g., distribution, timing of both grazing and recovery, and intensity of grazing, must be managed closely. Proper management will provide for plant maintenance, improved vigor, and maintenance/improvement of vegetative ground cover.
- Implement a documented short-term monitoring system that accounts for plant growth in relation to grazing and recovery periods.

AUTHORIZATION AND PLANNED USE: (Biological Plan)

See attached sheet.

GRAZING USE COORDINATION

- Changes from the Biological Plan are to be documented on the Actual Use.
- Move your livestock regardless of the dates shown on the Biological Plan to achieve the objective for the pasture.
- As a permit holder you are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.

ALLOWABLE USE

Livestock moves will be based on avoiding a second bite of new growth and providing for the recovery (seed set) of previously grazed species. This will guide movement during the growing season. Moderate grazing use provides for sufficient plant biomass and litters to protect soil and other resources, and allows sufficient standing biomass to provide thermal protection to forage plants.

MONITORING

Short-term monitoring by pasture will note what species are green and being grazed while livestock are in the pasture. Before returning to that pasture those species will be field checked and their stature documented. This monitoring will determine both the timing of livestock moves and verify that the pasture is ready to be grazed. Long-term monitoring will note if resource objectives outlined in the Environmental Analysis are being met. This monitoring will again be completed this fall with the assistance of the Interagency Strategic Planning and Monitoring Team.

SALT AND SUPPLEMENTS

Salt, mineral and protein blocks are valuable distribution aids; thoughtful placement of these management tools is essential for betterment of the resource. Salt 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

2016 Range Improvements Completed:

2017 Planned Range Improvements:

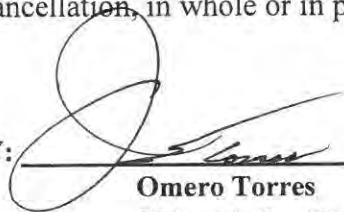
- Maintain the following improvements:
 - Bear Dam waterlot
 - Shell Rock waterlot
 - Verde River watergap
- Reconstruct 1 mile of Glidden fence - potential EQIP - waiting on Arc surveys as of 1-30-17
- Potential juniper treatment of 300 acres, awaiting EQIP funding
- Install fire trough at halfway water

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (TMR)

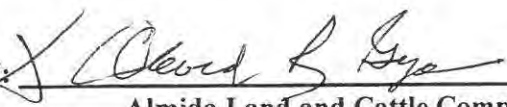
The Prescott National Forest designated a system of roads and trails that are open to motor vehicle use in 1989 through a Forest Plan Amendment #4. Motor vehicle use off the designated road system by the permit holder to conduct activities associated with administration of the term grazing permit is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

APPROVED BY: 
Omero Torres
Chino Valley District Ranger

2/2/17
Date

AGREED TO BY: 
Almida Land and Cattle Company LLC
Grazing Permittee

2/2/17
Date