2017 Annual Operating Instructions Willow Allotment

Resource Objectives For This Grazing Season

Although conditions have been steadily improving the effects of the drought are still evident. Perennial grasses and major browse species within these pastures need rest in order to continue to recover from the drought we're currently experiencing. For this purpose it is important to livestock numbers balanced with currently available forage.

Authorization

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

# of Livestock	Pasture	Grazing Period
80 c/c	Willow West	March - April
80 c/c	Willow	May - June
80 c/c	Bootleg	July
80 c/c	Whoop-em-up	August - September
80 c/c	Bootleg	October
80 c/c	Willow	Nov- Feb 2018
7 horses	Willow west	Year round

The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, at the next authorization meeting or if needed before then. 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. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above. Ensure water is left in troughs (for wildlife) in pastures cattle are not in a wildlife escape ramps are in place.

Allowable Use

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 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.

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. Instead, place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

Range Improvements

Maintenance will follow the standards in your Part 3 of your grazing permit.

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.)

Approval of these Annual Operating Instructions is a decision is subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 251. Appeals must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 251.90 "Contents of Notice of Appeal". Appeals must be filed with Teresa Chase, Forest Supervisor, 344 S. Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona 86303 with a copy simultaneously sent to Todd Willard, District Ranger, at Pox 670, Camp Verde, AZ 86322, within 45 days of the date of decision.

APPROVED BY: Kelle Spleen 2/13/17

acting District Ranger Date

AGREED TO BY: Full Testoly 2/13/17
Permittee Date