

2005 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS YAVAPAI ALLOTMENT

Yavapai Ranch Ltd. Partnership -

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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

Through timing of use, duration, & frequency - strive to maintain and/or improve the herbaceous plant cover. We've had good fall precipitation so far but this is benefiting primarily the shrubs, trees, & cool season grasses.

AUTHORIZATION

Upon payment of fees, livestock are authorized in 2005 as follows:

Number of Cattle

Pasture

Grazing Period (may be modified to meet utilization guidelines)

You are authorized to graze the number, kind, & class of livestock as proposed on the planning charts for 2005.

- The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, after livestock are off the allotment.
- 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 utilization levels. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above.
- Permit holders are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.

ALLOWABLE USE

Proper livestock use (moderate use) provides for sufficient plant biomass and litter to protect soil and other resources, and allows sufficient standing biomass to provide thermal protection to forage plants. Although this allotment operates under an HRM grazing management operation, proper use on key forage and browse species will be monitored to determine timely pasture moves as an additional effort to reduce the effects of the continuing drought on plant vigor.

MONITORING

Short-term monitoring is encouraged - USFS & managers will conduct periodic short-term monitoring as well as participate in annual Fall monitoring.

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 Part 3 of your grazing permit. In addition to routine maintenance, the following must be accomplished.

The Permittee will: *No new improvements planned at this time but existing functional improvements will be maintained.*

The Forest Service will: *Check on pipeline & P. no Spg. & determine level of responsibility for repairs/replacement.*

PERMITTEE COMMENTS and SUGGESTIONS:

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 that is subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 251. Appeals must be fully consistent with 36CFR 251.90 "Contents of Notice of Appeal, ". Appeals must be filed with Mike King, Forest Supervisor, 344 S. Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona 86303 with a copy simultaneously sent to Linda L. Jackson, District Ranger, 735 N. Hwy 89, Chino Valley, Arizona, 86323 within 45 days of the date of decision.

APPROVED BY: *Linda L. Jackson* *12/15/04*
District Ranger Date

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