

**YAVAPAI ALLOTMENT**  
**2017 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**  
Yavapai Ranch Ltd. Partnership – Dr. Fred Ruskin

**PLANNING OBJECTIVES**

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

**MANAGEMENT TOOLS**

- Proper livestock use (moderate use 40% during active growth/50% dormant) provides for sufficient plant biomass and litter to protect soil and other resources, an opportunity for perennial grasses and major browse species to maintain or improve their vigor, 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.
- The thoughtful placement of salt, mineral, and protein is a valuable distribution aid. Do not place salt, protein, or other supplements in heavy use areas or within a ¼ mile of water (this includes seeps and springs). Instead, place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

**RANGE IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION OR BETTERMENT**

- Maintenance will follow the standards in your Part 3 of your grazing permit. In addition to routine maintenance, the following is planned for this year:

We prioritized the following fence rebuild and replacement projects.

1. Replace electric with barbed north south fence on West side from north boundary to Malapai pasture fence (Almost Done)
2. <sup>Maintain</sup> Rebuild north south fence between Middle Mtn. & North Mtn. And Turkey pastures
3. Convert electric to barbed fence between New Well/Deep Well and South Evans/Malapai pastures
4. Rebuild Pasture fence between North Mountain & Middle Mtn on the West and Big Dam & Little Red Mtn on East
5. Pipeline for Rem water pipeline to Sect 34 tank in N. Mtn Pasture  
→ Submit NEPA RQ
6. Complete South Boundary Fence with K4 in Pine Spring Past

**AUTHORIZATION**

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

<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified to meet utilization)</u>
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*Refer to attached 2017/18 projected grazing charts for the east and west side.*

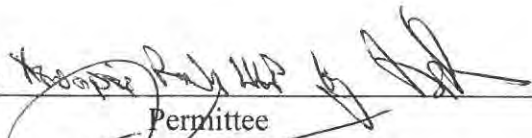
- The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture.
- Any change from these Annual Operating Instructions is to be coordinated and confirmed in advance with the Forest Officer, best if a week or two in advance. If emergency conditions require making a change immediately, notify the Forest Officer promptly.
- Move your livestock regardless of the date shown above, to avoid exceeding allowable use levels. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above.
- You are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.

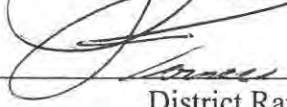
**MANAGEMENT COMMENTS**

Make extra effort to control livestock to pastures on plan. Any changes to plan needs to be communicated to forest officer.

**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.)

AGREED TO BY:  2/17/17  
Permittee Date

APPROVED BY:  2/17/17  
District Ranger Date