

**2024
Annual Operating Instructions
Yavapai Allotment**

This document serves as your Grazing Year, Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Yavapai Allotment. This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a).

GRAZING SCHEDULE

The Annual stocking level (annual authorized livestock numbers and dates) are considered approximate. The actual dates and numbers may change due to many variables. Annual stocking level is based on current and expected forage production. The planned use period in a pasture and livestock numbers can/should be adjusted if conditions change, either (shortened or lengthened, depending on forage availability but not in excess of the permitted numbers and utilization in key areas).

*Any changes from these Annual Operating Instructions are to be coordinated and confirmed in advance and will be made only with prior written Forest Service Officer Approval. (An Amendment)

*If emergency conditions require making an immediate change, notify the Forest Service Officer promptly.

Authorization

Upon payment of fees, the following is the planned grazing sequence:

Number of Livestock	Pasture	Grazing Period
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Refer to attached 2024/25 projected grazing charts for the east and west side.

Rested (Ungrazed) Pastures for the 2024 Grazing Season

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RESOURCE MONITORING

Spring CPRM is May 3, 2024.
Monitoring is set for October 3-4, 2024.

Actual Use

The permittee will document the following items during the grazing year: 1) Pasture; 2) Actual Grazing Period; 3) Actual Livestock Numbers.

***It is very important that this Actual Use form be completed and submitted to your Rangeland Management Specialist at the end of the grazing year.**

RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for THIS GRAZING SEASON

Proper livestock management practices, e.g. distribution, timing of grazing, and intensity of grazing, must be managed closely to provide for plant maintenance, improved vigor, and maintenance/improvement of vegetative ground cover. When cattle are not in a pasture, ensure water is available for wildlife and escape ramps are in place on troughs.

SALTING AND PROTEIN BLOCK PRACTICES

Proper salt and protein block location can be a good tool to aid in livestock distribution and they will be used in a manner to spread livestock utilization throughout the pasture. A detailed description of the Salting and Supplemental Feeding policy can be found in Part 3 of your term grazing permit; (See AMP and Term Grazing Permit for the complete list of the guidelines.) Place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Maintenance

Range improvements assigned to you are to be fully maintained annually to comply with permit requirements. Any maintenance you perform must conform to the standards specified by your District Rangeland Management Specialist. The grazing permittee is responsible for all maintenance materials, supplies and equipment necessary to properly maintain all range structural improvements. The Forest may replace range structural improvement materials and/or supplies at the end of the improvement's life if properly maintained; when maintenance and repair is no longer feasible to keep the improvement properly maintained and functioning.

Projects:

2023

Power Line corral water lot-Maintain again in 2024

Clean Wolf and Tank 5 – repair dams-applied for Game & Fish funding

Remove or repair division fence between Cell 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, 7&8, and 12&13-NRCS contract-set to complete Summer 2024.

Reconstruct:

Division fence between cell 14 and 3-Completed

Division fence between cell 11 & 12-Completed

Repair Pine Springs development-Need hydrologist to assist in pipeline potentially

Happy Camp Tank Dam Repair-Game & Fish funding

2024

Division fence between Rock Hole & Malapai-NRCS funded

Division fence between Haystack & Turkey-NRCS funded

Extend pipeline to Rockhole-NRCS funded

Continue to brainstorm/identify fence where natural boundary is not controlling livestock

Bull pasture & North Mountain

Upper 29 & North Mountain

2025

*Division fence between Powerline and Haystack-
North Boundary from Northwest corner to the east ~ 3 miles*

Others as found

Reconstruct trick tanks in Middle Mountain-pipeline & Upper 29

Add storage and drinker at Hughes Stock Tank off of pipeline-requesting minimum 20k storage

Lower Priority projects to be done when above have been completed if necessary

Divide North Mountain Pasture from East to West[#]

Extend pipeline west into North Mountain pasture from south of Iron Mine

Drill well in Sect 33 Pine Spring pasture

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

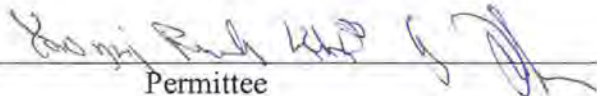
To aide in determining the initial livestock numbers the Standard Precipitation Index (SPI) and the US Drought Monitor Report was discussed.


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).

ACCEPTED BY:  2-13-24
Permittee Date

APPROVED BY:  2/21/24
John A. Kava, Acting District Ranger Date