

BRUSHY ALLOTMENT

MANAGEMENT PLAN

BRADSHAW RANGER DISTRICT
PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST

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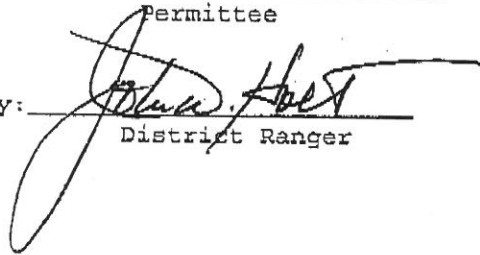
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CONSERVATION RANCH AND ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

BRUSHY ALLOTMENT

AND

WEBB RANCH



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INTRODUCTION

This plan is a revision of a plan that has been used the last fifteen (15) years on the Brushy Allotment. The plan provides for the Brushy Allotment to be used along with private, State, and other Federal lands in a Ranch Plan. The original plan was developed by the U.S. Forest Service, the Soil Conservation Service, and the permittee. This grazing system is a three pasture rotation system that is on a ~~4~~³-year cycle.

OBJECTIVES

The long range objective of this plan is to develop the range resource to its highest attainable potential for sustained grazing and to promote economic stability in the ranch operation. This objective will consider sustained grazing in harmony with other resources and uses such as watershed conditions, forage and habitat for wildlife, and protection of aesthetic and recreational values.

The short range objective is to develop additional structural range improvements in order to improve the livestock distribution on the Brushy Allotment which is a part of the Webb Ranch.

NUMBERS TO BE GRAZED AND ESTIMATED GRAZING CAPACITY

The term permit on the Brushy Allotment is for 200 cattle for 6 months.

Good estimates of grazing capacity on the Forest allotment are not available at this time. Production-Utilization studies have not been completed to date, however, it is felt that the allotment can handle the current obligation.

Production and utilization studies will be initiated in order to acquire data to compile estimates of carrying capacity by pastures. Once this is completed upward or downward adjustments in stocking will be recommended.

GRAZING MANAGEMENT

The Webb Ranch is comprised of three units. Unit I is made up of the Martin Mountain Pasture (Forest) and the Brook Pasture (not Forest). Unit II is comprised of the Heifer Pasture (not Forest) and the Poverty Pasture (Forest). Unit III does not contain any Forest land. The following pastures are included within Unit III: Rock, East of Tract, Middle, and Kurcendall.

The three units will be grazed as follows: (also see attached 2200-18)

PERIOD	^{Month} UNIT I	^{Power} UNIT II	^{PVT L} UNIT III
79 - 80		7/1/79 - 10/30/79 3/1/80 - 6/30/80	11/1/79 - 2/29-80
80 - 81	11/1/80 - 2/28/81		7/1/80 - 10/30/80 3/1/81 - 6/30/81
81 - 82	7/1/81 - 10/30/81 3/1/82 - 6/30/82	11/1/81 - 2/28/82	
82 - 83		7/1/82 - 10/20/82 3/1/83 - 6/30/83	11/1/82 - 2/28/83
83 - 84	11/1/83 - 2/28/84		7/1/83 - 10/30/83 3/1/84 - 6/30/84

In one of 5 years this plan calls for use on National Forest land of only 4 months. The remaining 4 out of 5 years use on the National Forest land will be for the full 6 months as stated in the permit. Therefore, the permittee should not be penalized with Class I -Non-Use for the A.U.M.'s not used during the year of only 4 months use.

SALTING PRACTICE

The placement of salt is a range management tool that can be used to improve cattle distribution, and to draw cattle away from natural concentration areas such as water, fences, and canyon bottoms.

The distance cattle will travel to salt depends on the topography of the area. Cattle will travel a considerable distance for salt in flat or rolling country, however, the distance cattle will travel to salt is reduced in steep, rough country.

Salt will be placed in accordance with the topography, away from water and on feed so that uniform forage utilization can be obtained.

RANGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The following improvements are planned to help meet management objectives. Improvements may be done cooperatively, by the permittee, or by the Forest Service individually. The improvements are listed by priority.

1. Lay 3/4 mile of pipe from Webb Mill.
2. Dirt Tank - SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 11, T.14N., R.5W., depending on soils information.
3. Bring the following fences up to specifications, 03D08 and 03D09. (2.5 miles of fence)

INSPECTIONS

The Brushy Allotment will be inspected periodically during the grazing season. Special attention will be given to key livestock and game use areas. Pasture use dates may be changed depending on the forage utilization observed during the inspections. A joint meeting between all parties concerned will be held annually to discuss the results of this plan.

IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

The permittee is expected to maintain all range improvements to standard. This is done yearly, with priorities being those improvements in greatest need of repair. Those improvements needing maintenance will be programmed yearly in the annual permittee plan.