

**Notice of Decision
Homestead/Davenport Allotment Grazing Authorization
Kaibab National Forest
Williams Ranger District
Coconino County**

As the Responsible Official, District Ranger Stephen Best, Williams Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest signed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on September 30, 2004 approving the Homestead/Davenport Allotment Grazing Authorization. Under the selected alternative, the Davenport Allotment would be managed under a five-pasture deferred rotation grazing system, with 145 cattle permitted. This is a reduction of 25 cattle (15%) from current management. This alternative also includes changes that were made to reduce cattle impacts in the Davenport and Dry Lake ephemeral wetlands. Average allowable use in key areas will remain at 30%, and the season of use will continue to be May 16 to October 31. The Homestead Allotment will be managed as it is currently using a four-pasture rest-rotation grazing system, with each pasture rested once every four years. There are 125 cattle permitted, and the season of use is May 1 to October 31. Allowable use in key areas will remain at 40%.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) is available online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai>. Printed copies of the EA and Decision Notice/FONSI are available at the Williams Ranger District Office, 742 S. Clover Road, Williams, Arizona (Telephone: 928-635-5600).

This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. Permittees may appeal this decision under 36 CFR 215 or 251, but not both. The appeal must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Appeal Deciding Officer. Written comments must be submitted to: Appeal Deciding Officer, Michael R. Williams, Forest Supervisor, 800 S. Sixth Street

(fax: 928.635.8208). The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered appeals are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to appeals-southwestern-kaibab@fs.fed.us . The appeal must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic appeals. Please put the project name in the “subject” line.

Appeals, including attachments, must be filed within 45 days from the publication date of this notice in the *Arizona Daily Sun*, the newspaper of record. The day after the publication is the first day of the appeal-filing period. The publication date in the *Arizona Daily Sun* is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Individuals or organizations who submitted substantive comments during the comment period specified in 36 CFR 215.6 may appeal this decision. The notice of appeal must meet the appeal content requirements in 36 CFR 215.14.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.