



**CENTRAL SUMMER, CENTRAL WINTER, AND KANE ALLOTMENTS**

**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2023**

**I. Permitted and Authorized Use**

North Rim Ranch							
Permitted				Authorized			
Numbers	On Date	Off Date	AUM'S	Numbers	On Date	Off Date	AUM'S
Central Winter							
600-1000	5/15	11/1	NTE-1200	0	-	-	0
Central Summer							
600-1000	5/15	11/1	NTE-2850	600	5/15	11/1	
Kane							
300-500	5/15	11/30	NTE-587	0	-	-	0

**II. Grazing Schedule**

ALLOTMENT/PASTURE	AUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK	SEASON OF USE	% ALLOWABLE UTILIZATION
CENTRAL WINTER ALLOTMENT			
Slide	0	Rest	30% - 40%
Little Mountain	0	Rest	30% - 40%
Ranger Pass	0	Rest	30% - 40%
Sowats	TBD	11/2 – 5/14	30% - 40%
CENTRAL SUMMER ALLOTMENT			
North Pasture	600	5/15 - 11/1*	30% - 40%
South Pasture	0	Rest	30% - 40%
KANE ALLOTMENT			
North	0	Rest	30% - 40%
South	0	Rest	30% - 40%

The grazing season on National Forest Service lands can be as follows as per the 2013 Kane Ranch Allotments Final Decision Notice.



### Central Winter Allotment –

- The Central Winter Allotment may be used for cattle that the permittee was not able to gather off of the Summer allotment by the end of the authorized season. This authorized use is incidental and is expected to be near or less than 50 head. The permittee will be billed for the number of cattle that were not removed by the end of the fall gather from the Central Summer Allotment

### Central Summer Allotment

- 600 head of cattle are authorized to graze the Central Summer North Pasture from May 15th to November 1st.
- In the event that there are late snows or delayed green up, entry into this Allotment be also need to be delayed, this can be managed by putting cows on the authorized pasture of the Central Winter allotment.
- North Rim Ranch and FS personnel will monitor livestock use along State Route 67 for livestock and attempt to drive away any livestock that linger along the highway or in the meadows along the highway.
- Livestock need to remain in the Central Summer North pasture during the grazing season. Any livestock that enter the Central Summer South pasture or the Central Winter Allotment (unless authorized) will need to be removed within two weeks of notification.

### Kane Allotment

- The Kane allotment will be rested in 2023.

### Burro Allotment

- The Burro allotment will be rested in 2023.

**\*These dates are tentative.** The dates and sequence of use may be changed due to forage and/or weather and moisture conditions. The Standardized Precipitation Index for April, 2023 shows well below normal conditions. ***However, if monsoonal precipitation is limited or wildfires occur on the allotment it may become necessary to remove livestock from the National Forest before the end of the permitted grazing season. The permittee should be aware of this possibility.***

If for these reason or any others you wish to make changes, ***please discuss it with us before you do so. These appropriate changes will be made to the Annual Operating Instructions.***

**\*\*Do not wait for the forest officer to tell you it is time to move! It is the permittee's responsibility to insure cattle are moved before utilization levels are exceeded.**

**\*\*\*By November 2, 2023 all livestock should be removed from the Central Summer Allotment.**

### **III. Forage Utilization Standards**

- Ensure that forage utilization does not exceed 40% in any pasture. Use of the high elevation meadows is authorized up to 40% as long as the average utilization for the pastures does not exceed 40%.

- In Goshawk foraging areas, and in Mexican Spotted Owl Habitat, forage utilization is limited to an average of 20% overall.
- Key areas are generally those that contain available forage within a ½ mile of a water source. Each key area will be monitored at least once during the grazing season. The key areas to be monitored for the 2021 grazing season are as follows:

**Central Summer Allotment, North Pasture:**

Key Area Location	Key Area Number	Description	Allowable Utilization
Fracus Lake	001001	Lake Basin	40%
Joe’s Mud Hole	001002	Lake Basin	40%
Mile And A Half	001003	Lake Basin	40%
Three Lakes	001004	Lake Basin	40%
Jct 811 & 217 Roads	001005	Uplands	40%
Castle Canyon	001006	Valley Bottom	40%

**IV. Permittee Management Responsibilities**

1. Where any Forest or State closure exists or is enacted, Permittee will be responsible to be in compliance with all regulations of the closure.
2. The proper placement of salt is a valuable distribution aid. Place salt on the ridges and away from concentration areas as a tool for livestock to learn where good feed is located. Salt will also be removed from grazed areas to ungrazed areas as needed.

The placement of salt or supplement within pastures of the Central Summer allotment will not be located closer than ¼ mile from water sources, fences, and other areas of livestock concentration, unless local topography interferes. Salt will not be placed within sight of roads, trails, and any area frequented by the public.

3. Permittee is responsible for ensuring that all water developments are in working condition and are ready to meet the needs of livestock management on the allotment. Any water development that is not in working condition should be identified and the process started to repair or replace it.

Water hauling is an option the permittee can use to lengthen the time in an area, assuming the allowable utilization level has not been reached.

4. Any cattle that die naturally or by accident should be removed as soon as possible and properly disposed of. If condors are present on the carcass, please leave it as is and contact the North Kaibab Ranger District as soon as possible.
5. Permittee and FS will coordinate to ride and monitor livestock movements, utilization, and water supply. This will help ensure unit integrity, proper utilization, and that all other forest plan standards and guides are met.
6. Herd livestock away from areas where concentrated use results in over-grazing. This includes areas in the vicinity of developed and natural water. Livestock tend to bunch-up around pasture fences. Herd livestock away from the boundary fences to reduce the possibility of livestock use in areas outside of the authorized pasture.

Inspections will be made on the adjoining allotments to find individual cows that stray. All stray cows are to be rounded up and returned to the correct pasture as soon as possible.

**V. Improvement Maintenance**

All improvements within each pasture and fences between pastures are to be maintained and operational prior to the entry date for that pasture. Improvement maintenance standards can be found on pages 10-26 of your Term Grazing Permit. Improvements are to be maintained during years of partial or total non-use: improvements within any rested pastures are to be maintained.

PROJECTS	RESPONSIBILITY
1. Remove and replace a portion of burned fence that is west of FR462 (along Warm Springs Canyon)	Forest Service Contractor
2. Reconstruct Murray Lake Corral	F.S. will supply materials; Permittee will provide labor
3. If time allows - Clear brush from the C. Summer/C. Winter ABF fence in the Riggs and Castle Spring area.	F.S. will provide brush cutter; Permittee will provide labor

\*FS supplied materials may be limited by funding and availability of suitable material.

**These Annual Operating Instructions meet the standards set forth in Section 7 Consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Any changes to this plan require prior written approval of the District Ranger. Changes not authorized by the District Ranger in advance are in violation of the terms and conditions of the permit and can result in suspension or cancellation of the Term Grazing Permit, in whole or in part.**

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