

**GRAZING YEAR 2019/2020  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
COYOTE ALLOTMENT**

The objectives of these instructions are, prior to the grazing season, to:

- identify specific management tools/resource objectives for this grazing season
- review general permit administration and livestock management requirements, and
  - document any needs or agreements beyond the standard directions.

MANAGEMENT TOOLS/RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for this GRAZING SEASON

**Perennial grasses and major browse species need the opportunity to maintain or improve their vigor.**

- When grazing turns to green (not necessarily growing) perennial grasses, this is the trigger to watch utilization closely and be prepared to move off to meet utilization standards.
- Tentative dates based on proper utilization levels. Proper utilization levels are set at a standard known to provide sufficient litter. Move to next pasture or off forest, regardless of date, when utilization standards on key areas are met.

AUTHORIZATION

Upon payment of fees, livestock are authorized as follows for fall 2019 – winter 2020:

<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified to meet utilization)</u>
225	Mountain	11-10-19 to 02-29-20
225	James East	03-01-20 to 03-31-20
225	James North	04-01-20 to 04-30-20
225	James West	05-01-20 to 05-31-20

- The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, after livestock are off the allotment.
- 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 utilization levels. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above.
- If you have a question about the utilization levels you are observing please contact your Forest Officer for a visit to your allotment.
- You are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ALLOWABLE USE

Cattle will be moved to the next scheduled pasture or off the allotment when allowable use standards are met, no matter what the dates on paper are.

The following is maximum allowable use: **Uplands:** *On palatable grasses:* 40% while actively growing, 40% during dormant periods. This percentage is of the total weight of the current year's production. *On shrubs:* browsing of 40% of available leaders. **Riparian:** *On palatable grasses and sedges:* 20% of the total weight available. *On shrubs:* browsing of 40% of available leaders.

Failure to remove your cattle to avoid use above the allowable levels is a violation of these instructions and the terms of your grazing permit.

SALT AND SUPPLEMENTS

The thoughtful placement of salt, mineral, and protein is a valuable distribution aid. Salt will not be located in heavy use areas, including within ¼ mile of water. Instead, place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Maintenance will follow the standards in your Part 3 of your grazing permit. In addition to routine maintenance, the following must be accomplished.

The *Permittee* will: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The *Forest Service* will: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PERMITTEE COMMENTS and SUGGESTIONS

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PERMIT CONDITIONS

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.

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.)

APPROVED BY:  District Ranger 10/21/19 Date

AGREED TO BY:  Permittee 10/21/19 Date

2019-20  
Annual Operating Instructions  
Amendment # 103  
Coyote Allotment

This document serves as Amendment #1 of your 2019 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Coyote Allotment. This amendment only affects section II Grazing Schedule of the 2019 AOI. The rest of the AOI would not change.

The Planned Graze period was adjusted per Adaptive Management Principles.

II. GRAZING SCHEDULE

PASTURE NAME	PLANNED GRAZE PERIOD	LIVESTOCK NUMBERS
James West	2-18-20 to 3-31-20	13 Bulls

ACCEPTED BY: Logan w Hefner 2/11/2020  
Permittee Date

APPROVED BY: [Signature] 2/14/2020  
District Ranger Date