

RYAN C&H ALLOTMENT  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This document will cover the 2021 operating instructions for the spring, summer, and fall/winter pastures.

**I. Permitted and Authorized Use**

TERRITORIAL LIVESTOCK							
TERM GRAZING PERMIT				AUTHORIZED			
NO'S	ON DATE	OFF DATE	AUM'S/ HM'S	NO'S	ON DATE	OFF DATE	AUM'S/ HM'S
65	3/1	4/14	127/96	65	3/1/19	4/14/19	127/96
186	4/15	11/1	1622/1229	125	4/15/19	11/1/19	1622/1229
65	11/2	2/28	335/254	65	11/2/19	2/28/20	169/128
5 horses	1/1	12/31	72/60	5	3/1/19	2/28/20	72/60

\*Forage utilization standards are set at 40% of the current year's production in key areas on all pastures.

**II. Grazing Schedule for 2021**

PASTURE	AUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK	SEASON*	% Utilization
North and South Winter	65	1/1-4/1	40%
South Winter	65	4/2-4/14	40%
(Summer Pastures) Burn, Highway, LeFevre, Warm Springs & Wildhorse	186	4/15-10/31**	40%
North and South Winter	65	11/2-12/31	40%

\* These dates are tentative. Forage production will be reduced in those areas of high burn intensity from the Mangum fire. The dates and sequence of use may be changed due to forage and/or weather or moisture conditions. However, it is expected that the "summer" pastures will be grazed from April 15<sup>th</sup> through October, 31<sup>st</sup>, and the "winter pastures" will be grazed from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to make changes from these dates, please discuss it with the Forest Service.

\*\* Cattle will be dispersed throughout the summer pastures and will be herded continually throughout the grazing season to: 1) Take advantage of forage and water availability; 2) Manage livestock for varied management activities (fire, timber harvest, vegetation treatments, etc.); and 3) Avoid over-use of areas that are favored by cattle (ensure maximum 40% utilization across each pasture).



### **III. Approval of Environmental Assessment**

The Houserock, Suicide, and Ryan Allotment Management Plan Revision Environmental Assessment Decision was signed September 2006. The following decisions tied to that document are approved to be implemented:

- Construction of a new dirt tank in LeFevre (Cooper) Canyon.
- Cleaning and bentoniting of ten dirt tanks.
- Standard 40% allowable utilization across the allotment.

### **IV. Permittee Management Responsibilities**

#### **Winter Pastures**

1. The existing Allotment Management Plan allows deferred use in the winter pastures, use can occur in one or both until March 15. After March 15 cattle are to be moved into the South Winter pasture, giving the North Winter a deferment during the growing season.

#### **Summer Pastures**

1. Riding and monitoring will be done to herd cattle into unused portions of the allotment to prevent over utilization of key areas. When cattle begin appearing along Highway 89A, the permittee will take action to herd them away to minimize the permittee's loss and the danger to highway users, especially around the Hidden Fire area.
2. In the event of a Forest or State closure, Permittee will comply with all regulations of the closure.
3. Salting or Supplement: The permittee is responsible for the timely placement of salt or supplement within pastures of the allotment. Salt will not be placed closer than  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from water sources unless local topography interferes. Salt will not be placed within sight of roads and trails and will be placed away from concentration areas.
4. Any cattle that die by either natural causes or are hit on the highway should be removed and properly disposed of as soon as possible. If condors are present on the carcass, please leave it as is and contact the North Kaibab Ranger District as soon as possible.

### **V. Forage Utilization Standards**

The forage utilization standards have undergone consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under Section 7 Consultation.

Forage utilization standards are set at 40% of the current year's production in key areas (40% allowable use) on all Ryan pastures. Key areas are generally those that contain available forage at least a  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from a water source. Each pasture will be monitored at least once during the grazing season.

<b>Key areas to be monitored</b>			
<b>Pasture</b>	<b>Key Area Number</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topography</b>
Highway	310101	Orderville Tank	Valley
Highway	310102	FR249/249A jct	Upland
Burn	310201	248A Road Tank	Upland
Burn	310401	Upper Wildhorse Tank	Upland
Warm Springs	310601	Buck Lake	Meadow
Warm Springs	310602	Cluster 5	Upland
Wildhorse	310701	Wildhorse Park	Meadow

## **VI. 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 4-7 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.

<b>PROJECTS</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
1. Repair or replace allotment boundary fence that was burned in the Mangum Fire	Permittees will provide labor, F.S. will provide materials
2.	
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## **VII. Other Resource Management Activities**

Timber Management:

Timber harvest/thinning activities will continue in the areas south and west of HWY 89 and north of Jacob Lake. Fences may be opened to allow access by harvest equipment in these areas. Please work with the Forest Service to help address any problems or concerns you may have with this activity.

Vegetation Management (Fire):

Continued use of managed fire is expected to continue in the Jacob Lake area of the Warm Spring pasture. These planned activities will depend on moisture and weather conditions.

These Annual Operating Instructions become part of your Term Grazing Permit. **Any change to this plan requires prior written approval of the District Ranger.** Changes not authorized by the District Ranger in advance are violations 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.

<b>/s/ David Johnson</b> <b>Territorial Livestock Permittee:</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>/s/ Randall Walker</b> <b>District Ranger:</b>	<b>Date</b>