

**2025
Annual Operating Instructions
Smith Canyon Allotment**

This document serves as your 2025 Grazing Year, Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Smith Canyon Allotment. This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a).

GRAZING SCHEDULE

The Annual stocking level (annual authorized livestock numbers and dates) are considered approximate. The actual dates and numbers may change due to many variables. Annual stocking level is based on current and expected forage production. The planned use period in a pasture and livestock numbers can/should be adjusted if conditions change, either (shortened or lengthened, depending on forage availability but not in excess of the permitted numbers and utilization in key areas).

*Any changes from these Annual Operating Instructions is to be coordinated and confirmed in advance and will be made only with prior written Forest Service Officer Approval. (An Amendment)

*If emergency conditions require making an immediate change, notify the Forest Service Officer promptly.

Authorization

Upon payment of fees, the following is the planned grazing sequence for the grazing season:

Number of Livestock	Pasture	Grazing Period
70	Granites	3/01-04/15
100	Jones	03/01-04/15
100	Smith Mesa	04/16-05/31
100	Cottonwood	06/01-09/15
100	Smith Canyon	09/16-11/31
100	Private	12/1-02/28
4 Saddlestock horses	Follow cattle	03/01-02/28

Rested (Ungrazed) Pastures for the Grazing Season

Moana and Spider.

RESOURCE MONITORING

Allowable Use

Grazing intensity guidelines will be applied across the allotment to provide rangeland managers with information needed to adapt management through adjustments, as may be needed, on an

annual basis. Examples of appropriate grazing intensity and forage use guidelines for areas of the allotment that are generally described to be in satisfactory condition include:

- A management guideline of 35-45% utilization of key forage plants in upland key areas as measured at the end of the growing season or seasonal use period;
- Up to 50-60% leaders browsed on key upland woody species;
- Minimum stubble height on key riparian herbaceous species: four to six inches where sedges and rushes are key and eight inches where deergrass is key;
- Up to 20% use by weight on key woody species within riparian areas; or less than 50% of terminal leaders browsed on woody species less than 6 feet tall.

Grazing intensity will be determined using key herbaceous and browse species within key areas. Grazing would be adjusted if periodic monitoring indicates that desired resource conditions are not being maintained.

Site-specific Measures:

The following measures will be applied in areas of concern where current conditions are not meeting desired conditions, and management objectives have been established to measure progress towards meeting desired resource conditions:

- Smith Canyon pasture: Incidental use levels (0-30%) to promote biomass retention and subsequent litter development (TEUI 427 & 461), and seasonal deferment and/or rest and improving livestock distribution by controlling access to waters and herding.
- Granites pasture: deferred season of use to allow further graminoid biomass retention (TEUI 461) and control access to water facilities to improve distribution. An additional water source is proposed that would distribute cattle away from the area needing improvement.
- Spider pasture: incidental use (0-30%) in the no capacity areas of TEUI 486 (Dillon field, south of Fair Oaks Road).
- Smith Mesa pasture: rest and incidental use (0-30%) in TEUI 490. Control access to water and place salt and supplement in locations to discourage concentrated use in TEUI 490.

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. 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.

The permittee is encouraged to participate in the allotment Monitoring process.

Actual Use

The permittee will document the following items on the enclosed Actual Use Form during the grazing year: 1) Pasture; 2) Actual Grazing Period; 3) Actual Livestock Numbers.

***It is very important that this Actual Use form be completed and submitted to your Rangeland Management Specialist at the end of the grazing year.**

RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for THIS GRAZING SEASON

Proper livestock management practices, e.g. distribution, timing of grazing, and intensity of grazing, must be managed closely to provide for plant maintenance, improved vigor, and maintenance/improvement of vegetative ground cover. When cattle are not in a pasture, ensure water is available for wildlife and escape ramps are in place on troughs.

