

**GRAZING YEAR 2020/2021
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
TOOHEY 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 the fall of 2020 – winter of 2021:

<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified to meet utilization)</u>
215	Walker	11/01/20-12/31/20
215	Sheep Camp West	01/01/20-02/15/20
215	Sheep Camp East	02/16/20-03/31/20
215	Cowboy	04/01/20-05/31/20

- 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.
- You are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.
- If you have a question about the utilization levels you are observing please contact your Forest Officer for a visit to your allotment.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Watch utilization carefully, keep the RMS informed.

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 agreed upon dates are.

The following is maximum allowable use: Forage utilization on upland forage will be targeted at 40% of current year's growth. Utilization on upland shrubs will be 50% of available leaders and utilization on riparian woody species will be 20% of current year's growth.

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.

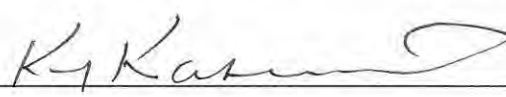
- Replace the trough at the trick tank in sheep camp east with a tire trough (supplied by FS), by 03/31/20.
- Haul water to Goodwin tank which is currently dry. Permittee will call AZ Mule Deer Organization for solar panels for the well north of shipping corrals.

PERMITTEE COMMENTS and SUGGESTIONS

PERMIT CONDITIONS

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:  09/22/2020
District Ranger Date

AGREED TO BY:  9.17.2020
Permittee Date

2020-2021
Annual Operating Instructions
Amendment
Toohey Allotment

This document serves as an Amendment of your 2020-2021 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Toohey Allotment. This amendment only affects section II Grazing Schedule of the 2020-2021 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
Walker	11/01/20-12/31/20	162 cows
Sheep camp west	01/01/21-02/15/21	162 cows
Sheep camp east	02/16/21-03/31/21	162 cows
Cowboy	04/01/21-05/31/21	162 cows

ACCEPTED BY:  10.29.20
Permittee Date

APPROVED BY:  11/12/2020
District Ranger Date