

**WILLIS CANYON C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

This is the Annual Operating Instructions for the fall 2023 and the winter/spring 2024 grazing season and is considered part of your Term Grazing Permit.

I. Permitted and Authorized Use

29 RANCH							
TERM GRAZING PERMIT				AUTHORIZED			
NO'S	ON DATE	OFF DATE	AUM'S/ HM'S	NO'S	ON DATE	OFF DATE	HM'S
69	11/15	4/30	381/381	76	11/01/23*	04/30/24	417

*The authorized season will be extended two weeks due to increased forage production following the Mangum Fire.

BRUCE & LEAH BUNTING FAMILY TRUST							
TERM GRAZING PERMIT				AUTHORIZED			
NO'S	ON DATE	OFF DATE	AUM'S/ HM'S	NO'S	ON DATE	OFF DATE	HM'S
175	11/15	4/30	955/955	193	11/01/23*	4/30/24	1155

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II. Grazing Schedule for Pastures

PASTURE	AUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK	SEASON	% UTILIZATION
ORDERVILLE SOUTH	269	*See note below	60% Winter, 40% Spring
ORDERVILLE NORTH	269	*See note below	60% Winter, 40% Spring
COOPER RIDGE	269	*See note below	60% Winter, 40% Spring

*The operating plan for the 2023/2024 grazing season will be to distribute cattle through all three pastures during the dormant (winter) season.

III. Permittee Management Responsibilities

- Forage utilization standards are to take no more than 60% of the previous season's growth on the fall and winter pastures (Cooper Ridge, Orderville North), and no more than 40% of the current year's growth in the spring pastures.
- The proper placement of salt or mineral supplements is a valuable distribution aid. Salt will not be located closer than ¼ mile from water, fences, and other areas of livestock concentration. Salt will not be placed within sight of roads, trails, and any area frequented by the public. Salt will also be moved from grazed areas to ungrazed areas as needed.

3. Herd your animals away from concentrated use areas so that overuse does not result. This includes areas in the vicinity of water sources and fences.
4. Please call us if a weather emergency or other events occur, that would affect how the Annual Operating Instructions are followed.
5. 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.
6. The permit is not validated until grazing fees are paid and livestock are turned onto the forest, in that order.
7. The end of the season is April 30, by which time the livestock are to be removed from the allotment. As you know, it is not possible to gather and remove livestock in one or two days, and we encourage you to start moving livestock in advance of the off date so that a violation of the permit does not occur.

IV. 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 the summer pastures, and 60% of the previous year's production in the winter pastures until March 15 and 50% use on the browse species. Key areas are generally those that contain available forage within 1 mile from water. Each pasture will be monitored at least once during the grazing season.

Key Areas to be Monitored:

Cooper Ridge Pasture:

<u>Key Area Location</u>	<u>Key Area #</u>	<u>Description</u>
Cooper Ridge Trick Tank	330101	Upland
Round Valley Cage	330102	Valley
Seeded areas on Cooper Ridge & Round Valley (Mangum Fire)		

Orderville North Pasture:

<u>Key Area Location</u>	<u>Key Area #</u>	<u>Description</u>
Summit Valley Trick Tank	330201	Valley
FR248 Road Cage	330202	Valley
Seeded areas in Mangum Fire		

Orderville South Pasture:

<u>Key Area Location</u>	<u>Key Area #</u>	<u>Description</u>
Joe's Reservoir	330301	Valley
Seeded areas in Mangum Fire		

V. Improvement Maintenance

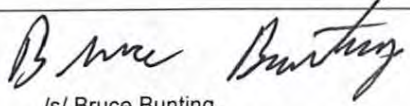
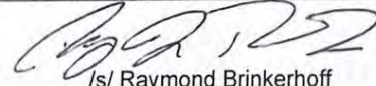
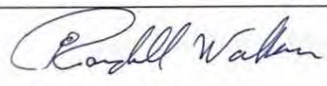
All improvements within each pasture and fences between pastures are to be maintained and operational prior to the entry date for that pasture. Improvement maintenance standards can be found on pages 4-7 of your Term Grazing Permit. Improvements are to be maintained during years of partial or total non-use; improvements within any rested pastures are to be maintained.

PROJECTS	RESPONSIBILITY
1. Fence from Willis dirt tank to 1-mile	FS + Permittee
2. Bentonite @ Nzvajo dirt tank	FS + Permittee
3.	

IF ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ARISE, PLEASE CONTACT FOREST SERVICE RANGE STAFF AT (928) 643-8136 DURING REGULAR FOREST SERVICE BUSINESS HOURS.

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.

Following these Annual Operating Instructions will meet the Section 7 consultation with US Fish and Wildlife requirements on the Allotment.

 /s/ Bruce Bunting Bunting Family Trust - Bruce Bunting	10/17/23 Date:
 /s/ Raymond Brinkerhoff 29 Ranch LLC	10/17/2023 Date
 /s/ Randall Walker Randall Walker - District Ranger	12/19/2023 Date