

**2016 ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN
KENTS CANYON CATTLE ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Plan for the Kents Canyon C&H Allotment. This Plan is part of your Term Grazing Permit as specified in Part 2, Number 8 (a) of your permit.

As part of the Terms & Conditions of your Permit, Part 2 Number 8 (i), all range improvements and maintenance on fences and water developments must be completed before cattle enter the forest. Non-use does not relieve any permittee from their range improvement maintenance responsibility.

Before livestock enter the forest, your grazing fees must be paid and notice received in this office. Failure to follow this procedure is a violation of your permit.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK (COW/CALF) BY PERMITTEES

Permittee	Use	Non Use
	50 Pair	0

PERMITTED SEASON OF USE

APPROXIMATELY May 15 to September 1

Dates for each allotment are approximate, based on proper utilization criteria standards listed below.

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

Upland Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
Grass and herbaceous species (% dry weight)	Utilization of upland forage species on this allotment should not exceed 50% of key species (Blue Bunch Wheat Grass and Idaho Fescue).
Shrubs (% Annual leader growth)	Utilization in the uplands will vary from 25% to 35% depending on whether it is considered as: winter range, critical winter range, or non-winter range.

Should bank erosion of perennial streams be evident, soil displacement guidelines may also be developed. In addition, recreation sites may have to be grazed at a lower level depending on the situation. Any changes in utilization levels for these areas will be cooperatively determined with you at each specific site.

Riparian Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
Herbaceous Utilization (AIZ)*	Utilization in the Aquatic Influence Zone at the end of the grazing period will be 50%. (e.g. poa, redtop, etc)
Stubble Height (AIZ)*	Allowable stubble height measurements in the AIZ will vary between 3 to 6 inches at the end of the grazing period depending on the time of grazing and the condition of the stream.
Stubble Height (Greenline)*	Allowable stubble height measurements, along the greenline, will be 6 inches at the end of the grazing period. (e.g. carex)
Herbaceous Utilization (Greenline)	Utilization at the greenline at the end of the grazing period will be 50% depending on the time of grazing and the condition of the stream.
% Woody Species utilization	Allowable woody utilization 40%
	Refers to short term (annual) physical disturbance of alternation of the

% Cumulative Bank Disturbance (Alteration)	bank by livestock trampling. Allowable disturbance shall not exceed 10-15 %.
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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The east side of the allotment which includes Co-op Canyon and Kents Canyon are the only areas of the allotment that have been used for many years since the fire in the Monson area burned down fences on the west side. Water needs to be further developed in Monson Canyon and there is great opportunity for someone to develop in the future. No cattle are allowed in the Elkhorn Creek drainage.

Place cattle low near the water trough and periodically keep them pushed higher. Salt must be placed on the allotment prior to entry, and be located at least a ¼ of a mile from water, meadows, and roads. Placing salt on ridges when possible will reduce impacts to riparian areas.

Secret Canyon is scheduled for use by Old Canyon livestock. Be sure that your cattle do not drift into Secret Canyon.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Any change that deviates from this Annual Operation Instructions must be made in advance and be in writing by the District Ranger.

At the end of the grazing season, cattle must be herded, not drifted home. Cattle on the forest after September 1st are not authorized.

A forest closure exists for any hay or straw used in association with your permit and must be certified noxious weed or noxious weed seed free as directed by that order.

Please notify our office of any noxious weed populations on your allotment, so that a crew can be sent out to map and treat them.

Please contact Hans Bastian at 236-7526 or Clayton Collins at 236-7504 if you have any questions.