

## **BURRO C&H ALLOTMENT ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

This is the Annual Operating Instructions for the 2021 grazing season and will be considered part of your term grazing permit. Any changes in the agreed upon operation on and of the allotment must be approved in writing by the District Ranger.

### **1. Permitted/Authorized Use**

<b>North Rim Ranch (NRR) Rich Family L.C. (RF-LC)</b>							
<b>TERM GRAZING PERMIT</b>				<b>AUTHORIZED</b>			
No's	On Date	Off Date	H.M.'s	No's	On Date	Off Date	H.M.'s
NRR 104	7/16	9/30	274	0	7/16	9/30	0
RF-LC 96	7/16	9/30	243	57	7/16	10/15	273

Permit is not validated until grazing fees are paid and livestock are turned onto the Forest in that order.

The Forest Service may count livestock as they enter the allotment. Please contact Geoffrey Anderson in advance of turn-out, to arrange a time and place (928) 646-8136.

The end of the season as specified above is the date by which the specified number of 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 well in advance of the off date so that a violation of the permit will not occur.

**By September 30 all cattle are to be removed from the Burro Allotment.**

### **2. Grazing Schedule**

This year, the cattle will enter the allotment on the ***South end*** and work their way northward over the grazing season. Control of livestock distribution will occur by opening and closing gates on the waters as they are distributed from the grazed area to the ungrazed area, by moving the salt locations, and by herding. No more than two to three (2-3) waters (trick tanks, earthen tanks, or a combination of both) should be available to livestock at any one time.

Please remember that trick tanks may be left on all year, for wildlife use, except in months of extremely cold temperatures when pipes and valves can break and create an unreasonable amount of maintenance for the permittee(s), or when the water in the trough freezes solid, making that water unavailable to wildlife.

### **3. Permittee Management Responsibilities**

#### **Forage Utilization Standards**

Forage utilization standards are set at 40% of the current years production in key areas (40% allowable use). Key areas are generally those that contain available forage within 1/4 to 1/2 mile from water. Each key area will be monitored at least once during the season.

<u>Key Areas to be Monitored</u>	<u>Key Area #</u>
Vermillion Trick Tank	250101
North End Trick Tank	250102

#### **Water Availability**

The Permittees are responsible for ensuring that all water developments are in working condition and are ready to meet the needs of livestock management on the allotment. Any water development that is not in working condition should be identified and the process started to repair or replace it. Water hauling is an option you can use to lengthen the time in an area, assuming the 40% utilization level has not been reached.

#### **Salting**

The proper placement of salt is a valuable distribution aid. Salt will be placed a ¼ mile away from heavy use areas, including waters and fencelines. Place salt in areas that normally receive only light use. Salt will also be removed from grazed areas and moved to the ungrazed areas as livestock work their way south. (Permittee is authorized to use concentrated supplement to manage livestock)

#### **Herding**

Herd your animals away from areas where concentrated use results in over-grazing. This includes areas in the vicinity of developed and natural water. Livestock tend to bunch-up around pasture division and allotment boundary fences. Herd animals away from the allotment and pasture division boundaries to reduce the possibility of livestock use in areas outside of the allotment.

Inspections will be made on the adjoining allotments to find individual cows that are stray. All stray cows are to be rounded up and returned to the correct pasture as soon as possible.

#### **Kaibab Plains Cactus Protection**

The area covered by this permit includes areas of known populations of the Kaibab plains cactus (Pediocactus paradinei). The permittee is responsible for protection of this plant from damage that could result from activities related to use authorized by this permit. Therefore, do not place salt or water, or use any other management aid that would tend to congregate livestock within 1/2 mile of known Pediocactus populations.

## **Cultural Resource Protection**

The area covered by this permit includes areas of known and areas of unknown cultural resource value. The permittee is responsible for protection of all cultural resources from damage that could result from activities related to use authorized by this permit. The permittee may be held liable for any damage to cultural resources whether it is intentional or by negligence.

## **Additional Compliance Measures**

Any livestock 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.

Where any Forest or State closure exists or is enacted, Permittee will be responsible to be in compliance with all regulations of the closure.

## **4. Maintenance, Reconstruction, and Construction Of Improvements In 2021.**

- 1. Repair/replace ABF burned in Mangum fire.**
- 2.**

**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 in your Term Grazing Permit.

If problems arise, please contact Geoffrey Anderson at 928-643-8136 (office)

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.

**Agreed upon Section 7 utilization standards have been incorporated into these Annual Operating Instructions.**

Steven Rich Rich Family L.C.	Date:
North Rim Ranches	Date:
Randall Walker District Ranger	Date:

