

Cottonwood East Allotment RMU #00829

Annual Operating Plan and Meeting

2026

The meeting was held March 26th, 2026 at the Vernon Fire Station/City Council Chambers on March 26th, 2026. Attendees were as follows:

- USFS:
 - Craig Hone-Rangeland Management Technician
 - Cody Miller-Rangeland Management Specialist
 - Brain Trick-District Ranger
- BLM:
 - Dylan Tucker-Rangeland Management Specialist
- Permittee:
 - Phil Adams

Management Objectives for the Cottonwood East Allotment:

1. Enhance watershed values by maintaining plant cover and soil stability.
2. Maintain or enhance wildlife habitat by using grazing as a management tool.
3. Maintain or improve the riparian areas in the allotment.
4. Improve rangeland health.

Grazing Prescription for 2026:

PASTURE	SEASON OF USE
<u>Pasture</u> 3	EARLY: May 16 to June 15
<u>Pasture</u> 9	EARLY: June 16 to July 18
<u>Pasture</u> 6 West	LATE: July 19 to August 22
<u>Pasture</u> 6 East	LATE: August 23 to October 15

<u>Pasture</u> 4	REST
<u>Pasture</u> 5	REST

Cattle will turn onto Pasture 3 on May 16th, and then on June 15th, move to Pasture 9. On July 18th they will move into Pasture 6 West and then into Pasture 6 East on August 22nd. All livestock will be off the allotment on October 15th. No livestock use will occur in Pasture 4 or Pasture 5.

Range Improvement Projects to Implement:

- Forest Service and permittees will continue the process of developing/refurbishing the South Pine Canyon water development.

2026 Cottonwood East Allotment Annual Operating Plan Signatures:

Operator:

Phil Ray Adams

Date

BLM Representative:

Dylan Tucker

Date

USFS Representative:

Brian Trick

Date