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This document serves as your 2026 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Ryan allotment. The Ryan Allotment contains approximately 59,629 acres. This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a) and in Part 3, section 4.

I. AUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK NUMBERS/PERIOD OF USE

Your 2026 Authorized Use Request has been approved, and you are authorized the following Livestock Numbers and Periods of Use.

TERRITORIAL LIVESTOCK									
TERM GRAZING PERMIT					AUTHORIZED				
Type Livestock	NO's	ON DATE	OFF DATE	AUM's /HM's	Type Livestock	NO's	ON DATE	OFF DATE	AUM's/ HM's
Cow/Calf	65	03/01	04/14	96	Cow/Calf	65	3/1/26	4/14/26	96
Cow/Calf	186	04/15	11/01	1229	Cow/Calf	186	4/15/2	11/1/26	1229
Cow/Calf	65	11/02	02/28	256	Cow/Calf	65	11/2/26	2/28/27	256
Horse	5	03/01	02/28	60	Horse	5	3/1/26	2/28/27	60

The 2026 authorized livestock numbers and the authorized period of use were determined based on past stocking rates and allotment inspections for the past season on the Ryan Allotment. The dates and sequences of use may be changed do to forage and/or weather or moisture conditions. It is expected that the "summer" pastures will be grazed from April 15 through October 31 and the "winter" pastures will be grazed from November 1 through April 14. Forage production may be reduced in areas of high burn intensity from recent fire activity.

Any changes to the 2026 authorized livestock numbers will require you file an additional Authorized Use Request. Be advised that the Forest Service will need a minimum of 45 days to assess resource conditions and process a supplemental grazing bill for additional livestock. Please contact your Rangeland Management Specialist (prior to making any decisions) regarding increased livestock numbers.



6. **Allotment Management Plan direction for pasture requiring rest or deferment will be followed.** Livestock use of planned rested pastures due to drought will not be authorized.

IV. **GRAZING STRATEGY**

Grazing livestock in a rest-rotation grazing system for the grazing period. The management of livestock pasture moves in this allotment will continue to be based upon seasonal utilization guidelines and allowable forage utilization standards.

Cattle distribution is to be controlled by the control of water; no more than 2 to 3 waters are to be available to the cattle at any one time. As the desired amount of utilizations is reached in the vicinity of one water, the gate to that water is to be closed for the remainder of the season. At the same time, the next water is to be made available by opening its gate, and so on.

V. **ALLOWABLE UTILIZATION STANDARDS**

Upland and Non-Riparian Areas

Utilization is defined as the proportion or degree of current year's forage production by weight that is consumed or destroyed by animals. It is a comparison of the amount of herbage left with the amount of herbage produced during the year. Utilization will be measured at the end of growing season when the total annual production can be accounted for and the effects of grazing in the whole management unit can be assessed.

For all allotments the maximum allowable use will be 40% utilization in key areas and livestock will be moved to the next area when grazing intensity approaches this conservative level. The allowable use level is the utilization level permitted by both livestock and wildlife.

VI. **SEASON UTILIZATION**

A light to conservative seasonal utilization guideline of up to 40% will be used within grazed pastures on the allotments. Seasonal utilization is defined as the amount of herbage removed through grazing or trampling during the grazing period. Seasonal utilization will be measured at the end of each pasture's livestock grazing period.

The seasonal utilization guideline will be the primary factor in determining when livestock need to move to the next grazing unit; but other factors such as climatic conditions, opportunity for plant growth, and previous year's utilization level will also be considered. Annual reductions in the seasonal utilization guideline may be made based on resource conditions.

VII. **RESOURCE MONITORING**

Forage Utilization

Forage utilization within each pasture will be monitored and the allowable utilization standards (section IV) and the seasonal utilization guideline (section V) will be enforced.

necessary if the construction will occur in an area that is disturbed, such as existing roads and ditches or existing earthen tanks. Coordination with the South Zone Botanist may occur if any sensitive plant species are located.

Watering facilities will not be located in areas of known populations of the Kaibab plains cactus (*Pediocactus paradinei*). Livestock are to be herded away from known populations of the Kaibab plains cactus.

IX. RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Construction of New Structural Range Improvements

No construction of new structural range improvements has been requested or approved for this grazing season.

Removal of Structural Range Improvements

No removal of structural range improvements has been requested or approved for this grazing season.

Existing Structural Range Improvements

Structural range improvements assigned to you for maintenance are listed in your Term Grazing Permit and are also identified on the allotment map. These improvements are to be fully maintained annually to comply with permit requirements (Part 2, section 8i and Part 3, section 3a). Any maintenance you perform must conform to the standards specified by your District Rangeland Management Specialist. The grazing permittee is responsible for all maintenance materials, supplies, and equipment necessary to properly maintain all range structural improvements. The Forest will replace range structural improvement materials and/or supplies at the end of the improvement's life; when maintenance and repair is no longer feasible to keep the improvement properly maintained and functioning. **Please note that you must notify your Rangeland Management Specialist at least 60 days prior to the beginning of any maintenance work that requires the use of heavy equipment.**

- Post White Sage Fire During the 2026 grazing season, permittee will ensure that fences and structures affected by the fire are functional to meet the terms and conditions of the permit. Funding for permanent fixes is being secured for future repairs.

X. SALTING, PROTEIN BLOCKS AND USE OF HAY AS A SUPPLEMENTAL FEED

Salting and Protein Blocks:

Proper salt and protein block location can be a good tool to aid in livestock distribution. They will be used in a manner to spread livestock utilization throughout the pasture. The following guidelines will be used when placing salt and protein blocks:

the pasture.

XII. FIRE

Please use caution during all ranch activities that could potentially start a fire. All ranch vehicles must be equipped with an axe, shovel, and water bucket. All open camp and branding fires requires a ten foot fire ring cleared down to mineral soil.

During periods of critical fire danger the Forest Supervisor may declare a Red Flag Alert or issue other special orders. Under these conditions, the building or use of fires, the use of power saws, heavy equipment, ATVs and other motorized equipment may be prohibited on Forest Service land. All Federal, State, and Local fire restrictions and regulations must be observed.

Report all fires to the North Kaibab District Office at (928) 643-7395 or the Kaibab National Forest Supervisor's Office at (928) 635-8200.

Cooperation in the reporting, prevention, and suppression of fires will be expected as specified in Part 2, section 10 of your Term Grazing Permit.

XIII. MOTOR VEHICLE USE/RESTRICTIONS

On July 9, 2010, the Kaibab National Forest began implementation of the Travel Management Rule (TMR). The TMR requires the designation of roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicle use and these routes are identified on the Motor Vehicle Use Map. Implementation of the TMR requires active management of all motorized use, including use related to permitted grazing activities. Motorized travel off the designated road system, including off-road access, by grazing permit holders will be based on the need to carry out required management practices necessary to comply with the terms and conditions of the Term Grazing Permit. Examples of required management practices include, but are not limited to: the repair and maintenance of structural range improvements; transport and placement of mineral and protein supplement; herding of livestock; and tending to sick or injured animals. Legitimate motorized use off the designated road system, including off-road access, for conducting activities required under the Term Grazing Permit will be authorized as follows:

1. **For motorized use with ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, and full-size pickup or smaller vehicles (curb weight less than 8,000 pounds):** Grazing permittee must obtain a grazing allotment specific Restricted Road, Trail and Off-Road Administrative Use Permit. Motorized vehicles use off the designated road system will be limited to only that use which is necessary for compliance with the terms and conditions of the Term Grazing permit.
2. **For motorized use with larger vehicles (curb weight greater than 8,000 pounds or larger than a full-size pickup) or any heavy equipment:** Grazing permittee must obtain a site specific Restricted Road, Trail, and Off-Road Administrative Use Permit. Motorized vehicle use off the designated road system will be limited to only

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact Bec Veerman, (480) 204-6101 rebecca.veerman@usda.gov or Iric Burden, (432) 238-5246 Iric.burden@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randall Walker".

RANDALL WALKER
District Ranger

cc: Bec Veerman