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**Allotment:** Frisco Plaza
**Permittee:** Danny and Jacqueline Fryar

1. **Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2005:

| Number and class | Dates Authorized |
|---|---|
| *58 Cattle (cow/calf) | 3/1 to 2/28 |
| 2 Horses | 3/1 to 2/28 |

* You are currently authorized to run 45 from 3/1-2/28 under the current consultation with USFWS. Prior to running cattle on the Frisco Plaza Allotment in excess of 45 cow/calf concurrence from the USFWS is required. You will be notified when this occurs.

2. **Management**:

| Pasture | Time Frame | Comment |
|---|---|---|
| Apache Peak (South) Pasture | 3/01-4/30 | |
| Plaza (North) Pasture | 5/1-9/30 | |
| Juan Anya Pasture | 10/1-10/31 | |
| Apache Peak (South) Pasture | 11/1-2/28 | |
| Willow (Middle) Pasture | Rest | |

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off of the allotment, as well as refinements that may be needed to enhance the management system.

3. **Utilization Standards and Monitoring:**

Allowable use is the percentage of use that will be allowed on key grass and browse species. This use will be measured in the key monitoring areas for the Frisco Plaza Allotment. The scheduled rotation, grazing season, and livestock numbers are indicated in Section 1 of these Annual Operating Plan/Instructions. **Adherence to utilization levels *is mandatory and should be the limiting factor* in adjusting grazing management.** Adjustments in numbers, rotation schedule, or season of use will be made if allowable use standards are met. Cattle will be moved to the next scheduled pasture or off the allotment when these forage utilization standards are met. The option to return livestock to a pasture that has received adequate plant re-growth will be considered if all resource objectives can be met.

The maximum allowable use levels set for the Frisco Plaza Allotment will be **35%**; in addition stubble heights should not be less than an average 2.5 inches on blue and hairy grama. Stubble heights not be less than 5 inches on sideoats grama, and no less than 6 inches

on mountain muhly. Use of browse is not to exceed the **50%** level. Use levels will be monitored in key areas. The location of these is currently being verified. You are welcome to join us as we establish the permanent monitoring transects for gathering the stubble height data. Attached is a copy of our tentative monitoring plan for the Frisco Plaza Allotment for the 2005 grazing season. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ted McArthur or Jerry Turner at the office (505) 533-6232.

If utilization is found to exceed 35% and/or stubble height requirements at any time during the use period on any one key area, livestock must be removed from the key area, restricted area, pasture or allotment.

4. **Range Improvements:**

   **Fences:** Please let us know if any fences are beyond reasonable repair and are in need of reconstruction.

   **Water:** Advance planning is needed for authorizing tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled during the summer months If the pipelines and troughs are beyond reasonable repair, we are willing to work with you to replace them. Please protect natural springs and areas with riparian type vegetation. Drainage bottoms, creeks, springs, and cienegas, where water is available, are most susceptible to livestock concentrations.

5. **The Annual Operating Plan/Instructions** are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act as found in the Biological Assessment and/or on-going grazing consultation for the Frisco Plaza Allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

   This decision is subject to administrative review, pursuant to 36 CFR 251; and any appeal of this dcision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 251.90 (see enclosed copy of 36 CFR 251 regulations). In accordance with 36 CFR 251.84, if you file an appeal, I am willing to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with my decision. If you file an appeal, you may reqest an oral presentation in the apeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.97). Additionally, if you file an appeal, you may request a stay of my decision in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.91).

   A notice of appeal must be filed with Marcia R. Andre, Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico, 88061-7863, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with Rogers M. Steed, District Ranger, Reserve Ranger District, at P.O. Box 170, Reserve, NM 87830.

Open and positive communications dealing with these or any other concerns is encouraged. Feel free to contact Ted McArthur or myself if you have any questions or problems. We will be happy to discuss allotment management, conditions on your allotments, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, or any other concerns you may have. ***We appreciate your management and the work you have already done in improving these conditions.***

Approved_____Date_____

ROGERS M. STEED
District Ranger