

**East Apache Creek Annual Operating Instructions**  
**Quemado Ranger District**  
**2006 Annual Operating Instructions**  
**(12/09/05)**

**Permittee:** Ysidoro Mendoza

**Permit Number:** 06-1191

**Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:**

Permitted	From	To	Type
113 adult cattle	3/1	2/28	Term

**2006 Annual Validation:**

Authorized	From	To	Type
26 adult cattle	3/1/06	2/28/07	Term
10 yrlnng. heif.	9/01/06	2/28/06	Term
87 P.C. non-use	3/01/06	8/31/06	Term
77 P.C. non-use	9/01/06	2/28/07	Term

**2006 Pasture Rotation:**

Pasture	From	To	Livestock #	Allowable Use Uplands	Allowable Use Riparian
Southeast	3/01/06	4/15/06	26	40% Dormant Season	25%
	4/16/06	4/30/06	26	30% Growing season	25%
Red Steer	5/01/06	7/31/06	26	30% Growing season	25%
North	8/01/06	8/31/06	26	30% Growing season	25%
North	9/01/06	10/15/06	36	30% Growing season	25%
Highway	10/16/06	2/28/06	36	40% Dormant Season	25%

**Grazing Restriction:**

Livestock grazing is not to occur in the Red Steer and Chaddick water point from 4/1 to 11/1. The purpose of this restriction is to comply with the current consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Allowable Use:**

The Decision dated 9/29/93 established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 40% allowable use. The allowable use guideline was amended, in 2001, to comply with on going grazing consultation to 40% allowable use during the dormant season (10/16-4/14) and 30% allowable use during the growing season (4/21-10/15) annually.

In addition allowable use levels were established for riparian woody species with no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within riparian areas heavily hedged. These riparian areas include Whiskey Creek, Red Steer Canyon, Apache Creek, Banta Spring, Owl Spring Canyon and the Tularosa (Chaddick) trap.

**Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:**

Utilization monitoring will be conducted on key areas. Forest Service personnel will monitor key areas at the midpoint of the planned use periods. At a minimum, forest personnel will also monitor key areas within two weeks before or after livestock leave a pasture. The percentage of grazing utilization will be determined at that time. The following dates have been scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

**Monitoring dates for 2006:**

	Monitoring Dates	Monitoring Dates
Southeast	4/18/2006	5/3/2006
Red Steer	06/1/06	8/2/2006
North	9/1/06	10/19/2006
Highway	12/31/06	2/28/06
Owl Water		5/03/06
Red Steer C.		8/02/06
Apache Cr.		8/02/06
Whiskey Cr.		10/19/06
Chaddicks		2/28/07

If utilization levels are approaching allowable use levels, livestock will be required to be moved to areas within the pasture that are not approaching allowable use levels. In the event, areas within the pasture are not available livestock will be moved to the next scheduled pasture. If scheduled pasture cannot be utilized due to environmental factors (winter), livestock will be removed from the allotment; until such time that livestock can be placed in the next available pasture.

**Utilization Monitoring Results 2005:**

Date	Pasture	Key Area	% Use	Date	Pasture	Key area	% Use
4/29/05	S. E.	P-1	10%	6/14/05	Red St.	C-3	0%
4/29/05	S. E.	P-2	3%	6/14/05	Red St.	C-2	12%
4/29/05	S. E.	C-1	26%	8/02/05	Red St.	C-2	0%
5/18/05	S. E.	P-2	9%	8/02/05	Red St.	C-3	1%
5/18/05	S. E.	P-1	12%	9/27/05	North	C-6	5%
5/18/05	S. E.	C-1	29%	9/27/05	North	C-4	0%

During 2005 the key areas listed above were read and the only transect that approached allowable use was C-1 in the Southeast Pasture. On April 29, 2005 it showed a use level of 26%. Approximately three weeks later it showed a use level of 29%. C-1 is located in the southwest corner of the Southeast Pasture, immediately north of the Chaddick private land where livestock tend to congregate. You will need to manage livestock to

ensure they do not congregate in this area. If they exceed 30% use they will need to be moved to a different area of the pasture.

**Forage Growth and Water Availability:**

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2006, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment will be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the permit provides this option.

**Range Improvements:**

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permit will be maintained to a functional status.

1. You inquired about lining dirt stock tanks during your meeting with Joe. Joe informed you that he would search for information in regards to sealing dirt tanks with sources other than bentonite. He will provide you with this information as soon as possible.

**Actual Use:**

In 2005, 312 animal months (AM's) were utilized. The ten year average use on this allotment is 453 AM's.

**Other Information:**

Your current brand certificate has been received. I appreciate your timely response.

**Non-Use:**

Grazing year 2003 was your first year of personal convenience non-use. No livestock were placed on the allotment. Grazing year 2004 constituted your second year of personal convenience non-use (92 head). Twenty-one head were placed on the allotment. Grazing year 2005 constituted you third year of personal convenience non-use (87 head). Twenty-six head were on the allotment. In order to comply with FSM 2231.7 (Gila Supplement #23), you will be required to stock up to 90% of the permitted numbers this grazing season. Failure to do so could result in permit action.

Your 2006 validation is for a total of 36 head. During the 2006 year (3/01/06 thru 2/28/07) the following options are described briefly to become compliant with the terms and conditions of your grazing permit:

1. Stock your allotment up to 90% of the permitted numbers or,
2. Stock the numbers that you feel you can reasonably support and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the District Ranger. This MOU would be in effect for the length of time (in years) you and the District Ranger would agree upon.
3. Modify your current Term Grazing Permit livestock numbers, to a number that you can support for the remainder of the permit term.

If you do not understand or need more clarification on this matter please contact John Pierson at this office.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Giron or John Pierson at (505) 773-4678.

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District Ranger

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Date