

Underwood & Trout/Dillman Creek Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2006 Annual Operating Instructions
(1/31/2006)

Permittee: Swapp Land and Cattle Company

Permit Number: 61207 & 61208

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	Allotment
48 cow/calf	4/1	1/31	Trout/Dillman
185 cow/calf	5/1	10/31	Underwood Lake

2006 Annual Validation:

Authorized	From	To	Allotment
48 cow/calf	4/1	1/31	Trout/Dillman
185 cow/calf	5/1	10/31	Underwood Lake

Underwood Lake 2006 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Number	Allowable Use by Species	Allowable Use by species
Steele	5/1/06	5/30/06	All Cattle	Bluegrass 40%	Blue Grama 35%
Lost Spring	6/01/06	7/15/06	All Cattle	Bluegrass 40%	Blue Grama 35%
Underwood	7/16/06	9/30/006	All Cattle	Bluegrass 40%	Blue Grama 35%
Romero	10/1/06	10/31/06	All Cattle	Bluegrass 40%	Blue Grama 35%

Allowable utilization for riparian areas on the allotment that contain woody riparian plants is limited to no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings heavily hedged.

Dillman/Trout Creek 2006 Pasture Rotation

Pasture	From	To	Number	Allowable Use by Species	Allowable Use by Species
Foxy Grandpa	1/01/06	1/31/06	All Cattle	Bluegrass 30%	Blue Grama 20%
Pvt. Land	2/01/06	4/01/06	All Cattle	Bluegrass 30%	Blue Grama 20%
Mesa	4/02/06	6/01/06	All Cattle	Bluegrass 30%	Blue Grama 20%
Bill Lee	6/02/06	9/15/06	All Cattle	Bluegrass 30%	Blue Grama 20%
Turk	9/16/06	10/31/06	All Cattle	Bluegrass 30%	Blue Grama 20%
Foxy Grandpa	11/1/05	1/31/07	All Cattle	Bluegrass 30%	Blue Grama 20%

Grazing Restriction:

The following grazing restrictions will apply in portions of the Romero Pasture of the Underwood Lake Allotment.

No salt, mineral or supplemental feed may be placed in this area from February 1 to August 31, 2006 and no concentrations of livestock, i.e., corral use, traps or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is allowed. Construction or reconstruction of range developments is permitted only outside the restricted season. The purpose of this restriction is to mitigate impacts to wildlife.

Allowable Use:

The Underwood Lake Decision Notice dated 9/10/2002 established key area forage utilization guidelines at 40% allowable use on Kentucky bluegrass and 35% allowable use on remaining forage species. When livestock are permitted to graze within Creek and Big Bend pastures, utilization of woody riparian species is limited to no more than 10% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within a pasture heavily hedged. Within other riparian areas on the allotment that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within a riparian area heavily hedged.

The Trout Creek/Dillman Decision Notice dated 12/17/2002 established key area forage utilization guidelines at 30% allowable use on Kentucky bluegrass, and 20% allowable use on other forage species during growing and dormant season. When livestock are permitted to graze within Trout Creek, Dillman Creek and Trout Campground pastures, utilization of woody riparian species is limited to no more than 10% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within a pasture heavily hedged. Within other riparian areas on the allotment that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within a riparian area heavily hedged.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Utilization monitoring will continue on key areas. Forest personnel may 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 Dillman/Trout Creek, and Underwood Lake Allotments.

Allotment	Pasture	Monitoring date	Allotment	Pasture	Monitoring date
Trout/Dillman	Foxy Grandpa	1/30/2006	Trout/Dillman	Bill Lee	9/15/2006
Trout/Dillman	Mesa	5/25/2006	Underwood	Romero	10/27/2006
Underwood	Steele	5/25/2006	Trout/Dillman	Turk	10/27/2006
Underwood	Lost Spring	7/09/2006	Underwood	Romero	10/27/2006
Underwood	Underwood	9/15/2006	Trout/Dillman	F.Grandpa	12/22/2006

You are highly encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels. If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds utilization on the uplands, livestock will be moved to another area of the pasture where actual use is less than allowable use. If all remaining key areas in the grazed pasture are at allowable use levels, livestock will be required to be moved early to the next scheduled pasture. This requirement is necessary to prevent overuse on forage plants

Utilization Monitoring Results:

The Following key areas were monitored for forage utilization during 2005:

Date	Pasture	Key Area	Utilization	Date	Pasture	Key Area	Utilization
1/28/05	Foxy Grandpa	C-4	15%	6/14/05	Underwood	C-1	4%
4/27/05	Mesa	P-1	0%	6/14/05	Underwood	Pasture	19%
4/27/05	Mesa	C-1	0%	8/29/05	Lost Spring	C-3	14%
5/16/05	Dillman	R-9	3%	8/29/05	Lost Spring	Pasture	6%
5/16/05	Dillman	C-3	3%	9/28/05	Romero	P-3	21%
9/28/05	Bill Lee	C-2	18%	10/27/05	Steele	C-3	2%
10/27/05	Turk	U-2	11%	10/27/05	Steele	C-2	4%
10/27/05	Turk	U-2	8%	1/28/05			

2005 monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization; I appreciate your efforts in complying with utilization standards and management of livestock to stay within these standards.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

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

Range developments:

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

Thank you for completing all fence reconstruction priorities discussed in 2005 AOI.

In addition, specific maintenance discussed included:

- Reconstruct division fence between Foxy Grandpa and Mesa Pastures please contact Stan Towner for availability of materials and Permit Modifications.

Actual Use 2005: Your actual use reported for 2005 was 1110 AM's for Underwood and 480 AM's for Trout and Dillman Creek. For your information the 10 year actual use average has been 1205 AM's for Underwood, and 732 AM's for Trout and Dillman Creek.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please do not hesitate to call Stan Towner or John Pierson at (505) 773-4678.

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 Date