

East Apache Creek Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2007 Annual Operating Instructions
(11/27/06)

Permittee: Ysidoro Mendoza
Permit Number: 06-1191

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

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

2007 Annual Validation:

Authorized	From	To	Type
9 steers 7 heifers	11/15/06	2/28/07	Yearlings
24 heifers	12/15/06	2/28/07	Yearlings
15 mother cows	3/01/07	2/28/08	Adult Cattle

2007 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Livestock #	Allowable Use Uplands	Allowable Use Riparian
Red Steer	3/01/07	4/15/07	55 head	40% Dormant Season	25%
	4/16/07	4/30/07	55 head	30% Growing season	25%
S.E. Past.	5/01/07	7/31/07	55 head	30% Growing season	25%
North	8/01/07	8/31/07	55 head	30% Growing season	25%
North	9/01/07	10/15/07	55 head	30% Growing season	25%
Highway	10/16/07	2/28/08	55 head	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.

Approximate Monitoring dates for 2007:

	Monitoring Dates	Monitoring Dates
Red Steer	4/18/07	5/03/07
S.E. Past.	6/05/07	8/02/07
North	9/03/07	10/18/07
Highway	12/31/07	2/28/08
Red Steer C.		5/03/07
Owl Water		8/02/07
Apache Cr.		8/02/07
Whiskey Cr.		10/198/07
Chaddicks		2/28/08

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 2006:

Date	Pasture	Key Area	% Use	Date	Pasture	Key Area	% Use
5/18/06	S.E.	P-2	12%	8/9/06	Red Steer	C-2	0%
“	“	P-1	9%	“	“ “	C-3	0%
“	“	C-1	19%	9/25/06	North	C-4	0%
6/15/06	Red Steer	C-2	21%	“	“	C-6	0%
“	“ “	C-3	24%				

During the 2006 season utilization levels were below allowable use levels. After August 1, 2006, no use was recorded at any of the key areas. The North Pasture was not used during 2006. During 2007 the north pasture is scheduled for livestock grazing.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2007, 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.

Permittees are proposing the following list of projects for the 2007 season:

<u>Project</u>	<u>By Date</u>
1.) Install new pipe gate at south entrance to Red Steer Pasture. (Two have already been installed).	5/31/07
2.) Develop Banta Spring. a.) Cement/Rock base b.) Install 1600 gal. plastic water tank with removable top.	5/31/07
3.) Install pump, pipe and 5,000 gal. plastic storage tank (with base) and water trough.	7/31/07

Actual Use:

In 2006, 308 animal months (AM's) were utilized. 326 AM's x 1.32 (animal unit factor) = 407 animal unit months (AUM's).

Other Information:

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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December 19, 2006
Date