

# West Jewett Annual Operating Instructions

Quemado Ranger District

2007 Annual Operating Plan/Instructions

(3/08/07)

**Permittee:** Emil Kiehne

**Permit Number:** 06-1235

**Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:**

Permitted	From	To	AUMs	Type
50 yearlings	6/1	11/15	193	Term

**2007 Annual Validation:**

Authorized	From	To	AUMs	Type
61 yearlings	7/1	11/15	193	Term

Increased permitted numbers was authorized in 2007 for less time, so not to exceed permitted AUMs.

**Pasture Rotation 2007:**

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Dry Lake	7/01	11/15	41	35%
Fitzgerald	7/01	11/15	20	35%

**Allowable Use:**

The 1995 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice identified 35% as the maximum allowable utilization by grazing animals.

**Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:**

Utilization monitoring will be conducted on key areas. District personnel will monitor key areas at a mid point and/or two weeks before or after livestock are moved off the Allotment. The percentage of grazing utilization will be determined at the time of monitoring. Please note the following approximate dates have been scheduled for monitoring on the West Jewett Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

Pasture Monitoring Dates	
Pasture	Date
Dry Lake	11/13/07
Fitzgerald	11/13/07

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock reaches allowable use levels, livestock will be required to move 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, livestock will be required to be moved early to the next scheduled pasture. This requirement is necessary to prevent overuse on forage plant.

**Monitoring results 2006:**

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Dry Lakes	11/15/2006	Pasture-wide	10%
Fitzgerald	11/15/2006	Pasture-wide	4%

2006 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. It is important that you comply with the allowable use guidelines this grazing season. Please distribute livestock accordingly to comply with allowable use levels on key areas. If allowable use is exceeded, livestock will need to be removed from the Allotment.

**Actual Use:**

Actual use recorded for 2006 was 275 AMs or 192 AUMs.

**Forage Growth and Water Availability:**

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2007 grazing season, total or partial removal of livestock 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 Permit will be maintained to a functional status.

As discussed, Your proposal to install gradient/erosion control structures on drainages flowing into Fitzgerald Cienega is an excellent project. Stan Towner will continue to work with you to develop the proposal and initiate the NEPA process to implement this project.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please call John Pierson or Stan Towner at (505) 773-4678.

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