

Canyon del Buey Annual Operating Instructions

Quemado Ranger District

2008 Annual Operating Plan/Instructions

(12/10/07)

Permittee: Miguel R. & Maria Lopez de Aragon

Permit Number: 61104

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	Type
344 adult cattle	03/1	02/28	Term

2008 Annual Validation:

Authorized	From	To	Type
300	3/01/08	4/30/08	Term
314	5/16/08	2/28/09	Term

Pasture Rotation: 2008

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Empedrado	03/01/08	03/15/08	279 head	35%
Tomas	03/01/08	03/15/08	21 Bulls	35%
Jara	03/15/08	4/15/08	279 head	35%
Perro	4/16/08	5/15/08	293 head	35 %
Canyon Del Buey	5/16/08	6/15/08	314 head	35%
Slaughter	6/16/08	10/15/08	314 head	35%
Canyon Del Buey	REST	REST	REST	REST
Melquiades	10/16/08	11/20/08	314 head	35%
Jaramillo	12/01/08	2/28/09	314 head	35%
Alambre	12/01/08	2/28/09	40 heifers	35%

Our Records show that As of April 16, 14 head of heifers will become counters and added to the total number of livestock as reflected in the table above.

Grazing Restriction:

Grazing restrictions apply as shown on the allotment map provided to you in 2006. If you need an additional copy contact the District Office. The grazing restrictions are as follows:

No salt, mineral or supplemental feed may be placed in this area from February 1 to August 31, and no concentrations of livestock, i.e., corral use, traps or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is allowed. Stock tank cleaning must be approved in advance prior to any activities.

Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 9/14/04 established allowable use levels at 35% during growing and dormant season on key areas for all pastures and 35% on browse species within Alambre, Boy, Tomas and Benino pastures. Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Key forage utilization monitoring will continue on identified key areas. Forest Service personnel will conduct monitoring within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture. Key areas will be visited by the Forest Service to determine actual grazing use by livestock/wildlife. Forest Service personnel will contact you before each monitoring visit. You are encouraged to attend and participate in all monitoring on your allotment. The approximate dates that we plan to monitor on your allotment are as follows:

Monitoring Dates for 2008:

Pasture	Monitoring Dates	Pasture	Monitoring Dates
Empedrado	3/17/08	Canyon del Buey	6/02/08
Tomas	3/17/08	Slaughter	8/18/08/10/05/08
Jara	4/08/08	Melquiades	11/21/08
Perro	5/09/08	Jaramillo & Alambre	1/05/09

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock is at risk of exceeding utilization on the uplands or heavily hedging of woody riparian plant sprouts/seedlings, 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, livestock will be required to be moved early to the next scheduled pasture. This requirement is necessary to prevent overuse on forage plants.

2007 Utilization Monitoring Results:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use %	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use %
Benino	3/21/07	P-1	2%	Slaughter	8/22/07	P-10	0%
Empedrado	4/2/07	P-1	19%	Slaughter	8/23/07	C-10	0%
Empedrado	4/2/07	C-2	2%	Slaughter	8/23/07	P-12	3%
Empedrado	4/2/07	C-6	3%	Slaughter	8/23/07	P-11	0%
Empedrado	4/2/07	P-2	0%	Slaughter	8/23/07	C-11	5%
Alambre	4/20/07	C-1	24%	Slaughter	8/23/07	P-15	0%
Jara	4/20/07	P-4	3%	Slaughter	8/23/07	P-9	0%
Jara	4/20/07	C-5	14%	Slaughter	10/18/07	C-11	4%
Jaramillo	4/27/07	C-2	0%	Slaughter	10/18/07	P-15	10%
Jaramillo	4/27/07	P-26	0%	Slaughter	10/18/07	C-9	6%
Perro	6/7/07	P-3	5%	Slaughter	10/18/07	C-10	2%
Perro	6/7/07	P-5	8%	Slaughter	10/18/07	P-11	4%
Tomas	6/7/07	C-4	8%	Slaughter	10/18/07	P-10	9%
Canyon del Buey	7/10/07	P-8	5%	Slaughter	10/18/07	C-8	17%
Slaughter	8/22/07	C-8	3%				

2007 monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization; I appreciate your efforts in management of livestock to comply with utilization standards.

Actual Use:

The actual use for the Canyon Del Buey Allotment during 2007 was 3303 AM's. This calculates to 3732 AUM's.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2008 grazing season; total or partial livestock removal from the allotment will 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.

The following range improvements are scheduled for completion during 2008:

1. Fence no. 4254 in the southwest corner of the Alambre pasture is in need of maintenance.

Other Information:

A map concerning travel management will be supplied to you for comments. If you have any questions regarding the travel management rule please contact the District office.

I encourage you to notify the District upon discovery of any livestock carcasses. If a carcass is within an area that is currently occupied by gray wolves, carcass removal or treatment may assist in mitigation of livestock/wolf interaction, and habituation to livestock as a food source.

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

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District Ranger

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Date