

West Demetrio Allotment Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2008 Annual Operating Instructions
(01/09//2008)

Permittee: Eristeo Chavez/Teresita P. Chavez Estate

Permit Number: 61150

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

PERMITTED	FROM	TO	TYPE
70 Cow/Calf	03/01	02/28	Term Permit

2008 Annual Authorization:

AUTHORIZED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
70 Adult Cattle	03/01/08	02/28/09	Term Permit

Pasture Rotation: 2008

PASTURE	FROM	TO	NUMBER	Allowable Use
Aspen Spring	3/01/08	04/15/08	70 head	40%
Holding Pasture	4/16/08	5/01/08	70 head	35%
Aspen Spring	5/02/08	6/01/08	70 head	35%
Cabin Spring	6/02/08	7/01/08	70 head	35%
Aspen Spring	7/02/08	9/01/08	70 head	35%
Holding Pasture	9/02/08	9/15/08	70 head	40%
Demetrio Creek	9/16/08	2/28/09	70 head	40%

Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 12/13/99 set guidelines for forage utilization in key areas of 35% allowable use during growing season and 40% during the dormant season. Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of woody 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. 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:

Pasture	Monitoring date	Pasture	Monitoring date
Aspen Spring	6/27/08	Aspen Spring	9/16/08
Holding Pasture	6/27/08	Holding Pasture	9/16/08
Demetrio Creek	6/27/08	Demetrio Creek	9/16/08
Cabin Spring	6/27/08	Cabin Spring	9/16/08

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds 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:

Date	Pasture	Key Area	Use	Date	Pasture	Key Area	Use
5/01/07	Aspen Spring	PW	6%	8/14/07	Demetrio Creek	C-12	0%
5/01/07	Holding	PW	18%	8/14/07	Holding	C-11	2%
5/01/07	Cabin Spring	PW	12%	8/15/07	Cabin Spring	P-4	5%
5/01/07	Demetrio Creek	PW	10%	8/15/07	Aspen Spring	C-1	2%

I appreciate your cooperation in complying with utilization standards during the 2007 grazing season. Please continue to monitor and distribute livestock to avoid over utilization during the 2008 grazing season.

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.

Actual Use:

Actual use for the 2007 grazing season was 840 AM's. For your reference the 10-year actual use average for this allotment has been 927 AM's.

Other Information:

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 wolf 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.

/s/ Janice S. Stevenson
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 District Ranger

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 Date