

Toriette Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2008 Annual Operating Instructions
(11/27/2007)

Permittee: The Sanctuary Revocable Living Trust; William Scott Nichols, Trustee

Permit Number: 61142

Term Permitted Livestock:

PERMITTED	FROM	TO	TYPE
416 Cow/Calf	3/1	2/28	Term Permit
50 Cow/Calf	3/1	2/28	Pvt. Land

2008 Annual Validation:

AUTHORIZED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
407 Adult Cattle	3/1/08	2/28/08	Term Permit
50 Adult Cattle	3/1/08	2/28/08	Pvt. Land

Rotation 2008:

PASTURE	FROM	TO	NUMBER	Allowable Use
Hardcastle	3/01/08	5/01/08	373 head	40%
Hardcastle	5/01/08	5/31/08	407 head	40%
Bear Canyon	6/01/08	6/15/08	407 head	40%
Toriette	6/15/08	7/15/08	407 head	40%
Spur Trail	7/15/08	8/01/08	407 head	40%
Turkey Park	8/02/08	8/15/08	407 head	40%
Bear Canyon	8/15/08	9/15/08	407 head	40%
East Camp	9/15/08	10/31/08	407 head	40%
Bell Mare/ Bear Canyon Trap	10/25/08	2/28/08	34 bulls	40%
East Camp	11/01/08	12/15/08	373 head	40%
Johnson Basin	12/15/08	2/28/09	373 head	40%

Allowable Use:

The 1994 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice identified 40% as the maximum allowable utilization by grazing animals.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Monitoring of Utilization by livestock and wildlife will continue on key areas in order to insure allowable use levels are not exceeded. It is imperative that utilization is in compliance with the established allowable use levels. You are responsible for recognizing utilization levels and complying with established allowable use levels. Forest personnel will monitor key areas within two weeks before or after livestock leave a pasture and/or at the midpoint to insure allowable use levels are not surpassed. The percentage of grazing utilization will be determined at that time. You are encouraged to participate in all monitoring on the Toriette allotment. The following approximate dates have been scheduled.

Pasture	Monitoring date	Pasture	Monitoring date
Hardcastle	5/30/08	Turkey Park	8/15/08
Bear Canyon	6/17/08	Bear Canyon	9/16/08
Toriette	7/15/08	East Camp	12/16/08
Spur Trail	8/01/08	Johnson Basin	2/27/09

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:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
East Camp	3/06/07	P-4	2%	Toriette	8/09/07	PW	6%
East Camp	3/06/07	C-1	4%	Turkey Park	9/13/07	P-5	24%
Johnson Basin	6/04/07	C-4	17%	Turkey Park	9/13/07	C-5	17%
Johnson Basin	6/04/07	P-2	21%	Bear Canyon	9/27/07	P-2	7%
Spur Trail	7/12/07	C-1	17%	Bear Canyon	9/27/07	P-3	14%
Spur Trail	7/12/07	C-1	18%				

2007 monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization; I appreciate your cooperation in complying with these standards and for distributing livestock away from areas that traditionally receive heavier use. 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 water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2008 grazing season, 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 Permit will be maintained to a functional status. I appreciate the effort that was made on the Toriette allotment in regards to improvement maintenance.

Actual Use:

The actual use for the 2007 grazing season was 4313 AM's. For your reference the 10-year actual use average for this allotment is 4171 AM's.

Other Information:

I encourage you to notify the District upon discovery of any livestock carcass. 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.

Thank you for the comments you provided to the District regarding travel management. We will consider your remarks and make the appropriate changes. If you have any further questions regarding the travel management rule please contact the District.

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

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District Ranger

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Date