



Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotment: Leggett

Permittee: Loyd A. Rasmussen

Permit Number: 61309

Authorization: Authorized to graze the following in 2008:

Authorized	From	To	Allotment
75 cow/calf	3/1/2008	2/28/09	Leggett

Remainder nonuse for Resource protection.

Nonuse for resource protection is granted in order to allow for recovery of the Martinez fire area in the Gordon Canyon, and Middle pastures. After the 2007 growing season the grazing readiness of the Martinez fire area will be reevaluated by forest personnel if requested by the permittee. If determined by the district that the burn area has recovered sufficiently to support grazing, the authorized livestock numbers could be increased accordingly.

Management:

Leggett 2008 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Time Frame
Powerline/Leggett/Quarry/West Holding	3/1-5/31 (all cattle)
Bull Basin	6/1-9/30
Powerline/Leggett/Quarry/West Holding	10/1-2/28
Prairie Point	Rest
Gordon Canyon/Middle/3 Section	Rest/re-evaluate for readiness

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off of the allotment, as well as refinements that may be needed to enhance the management system. If you identify the need to differ from this management system by more than 15 days, please contact this office at least two weeks in advance so that the district has time to conduct monitoring and assess your request.

1. Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

The maximum allowable use level set for the Leggett Allotment is **Conservative Use (30-40%)**. Monitoring will be conducted at the approximate midpoint of the scheduled use period and within two weeks before to two weeks after the date cattle are scheduled to leave a pasture. If utilization levels are approaching allowable use levels, livestock will be required to be moved to areas within the pasture or other pastures that are not approaching allowable



use levels. In the event that areas not approaching the allowable use are not available, livestock will be removed from the allotment when allowable use rates are met. Management adjustments will be made to the following years Annual Operating Instructions to avoid recurring instances of over utilization. The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged to participate in monitoring with district personnel and/or on your own.

Pasture	Monitoring date
Powerline/Leggett/Quarry/West Holding	5/28/2008
Bull Basin	9/24/08
Powerline/Leggett/Quarry/West Holding	1/29/2009

2. Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2008, total or partial livestock removal from the allotments may be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the grazing permit provides this option.

3. Provide supplement for livestock as follows:

- Locate supplement sites ¼ mile or more from waters and riparian areas except where prior written permission has been obtained from District Ranger.
- Locate supplement sites on feed, where forage is abundant and utilized less than average.
- Limit supplement types to salt, mineral, and protein blocks

4. Range Improvements:

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permits must be maintained to a functional status.

In addition, specific maintenance discussed included:

Fences: Loyd Rasmussen will complete repairs to fence #5009 prior to stocking the Bull Basin pasture.

Water: Loyd proposes to do calculations to determine pump requirements for Lost Spring Well #6542OA, the district proposes to purchase a solar pump if it is feasible and as funding becomes available.

Please protect natural springs and areas with riparian type vegetation. Drainage bottoms, creeks, springs, and cienegas, where water is available, are most susceptible to livestock concentrations.

5. Grazing Restriction:

The Leggett allotment includes a Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Center (PAC). In this PAC the following activities are restricted during the breeding season of the Owl (March 1-August 31): livestock concentrations or trailing, fence construction, and livestock salting; routine maintenance is allowed.

6. **The Annual Operating Plan/Instructions** are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the Leggett allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

This decision is subject to administrative review, pursuant to 36 CFR 251; and any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 251.90 (see enclosed copy of 36 CFR 251 regulations). In accordance with 36 CFR 251.84, if you file an appeal, I am willing to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with my decision. If you file an appeal, you may request an oral presentation in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.97). Additionally, if you file an appeal, you may request a stay of my decision in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.91).

A notice of appeal must be filed with Richard E. Markley, Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico, 88061-7863, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with Rogers M. Steed, District Ranger, Reserve Ranger District, at P.O. Box 170, Reserve, NM 87830.

Feel free to contact Jerry Turner or myself at (575) 533-6231 if you have any questions or problems concerning this document.

/s/ Rogers M. Steed

12/19/2007

ROGERS M. STEED
District Ranger

Date