



Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotment: T Bar

Permittee: Siebert Cattle Company (Term Permit)

Permit Number: 61330

Authorization: Authorized to graze the following in 2008:

Permittee	Authorized	From	To	Allotment
Siebert Cattle Company	Up to 3000 yearlings	6/13	10/15	T Bar
Siebert Cattle Company	10 Horses	3/1	2/28	T Bar

- 1. Management:** Negrito and Bearwallow pastures will not be stocked until watershed conditions have stabilized and the fences burned by the Bear Fire in 2006 have been reconstructed or repaired.

T Bar 2008 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Time Frame
7HL	06/13-10/15 up to 600 head
Loco	06/13-10/15 up to 800 head
Canyon Creek	06/13-10/15 up to 800 head
Pitchfork	06/13-10/15 up to 800 head
North Ewe Holding/South Negrito Holding, Snowlake Trap	Livestock will be placed in pasture during the time of shipping on and off of the allotment.
Negrito	No livestock authorized
Bearwallow	No livestock authorized

No Livestock are allowed in the Snow Lake or Willow Creek Recreation areas. No livestock are allowed in the T Bar Canyon enclosure with the exception of the water points from the Loco pasture. If livestock are found in the excluded areas you will need to remove them promptly.

Please monitor use levels in T Bar Canyon along with 7HL, Pitchfork, Canyon Creek, and Loco pastures. If utilization levels meet allowable use levels, you will need to either move livestock to available forage within the pasture or to the next scheduled pasture. If allowable use levels are



met prior to the scheduled off date and no other pastures or forage is available, livestock will be removed from the allotment.

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off of the allotment, as well any adjustments that may be needed to the 2008 T Bar Allotment rotation schedule. If you identify the need to differ from this schedule 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.

2. Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

Forage utilization should be within conservative use levels (30 to 40 percent) on the key perennial grasses when measured during monitoring trips. In addition average stubble heights should not be less than 2.5 inches on blue and hairy grama. Average stubble heights should not be less than 8 inches on sideoats grama, and no less than 4 inches on mountain muhly and Arizona fescue. Key areas and restricted areas (PAC's) will be visited to determine actual grazing use / seasonal use by livestock and wildlife. If utilization / seasonal utilization levels are approaching the 35% allowable use levels identified for these areas, livestock will be required to be removed to areas within the pasture that are not approaching allowable use levels and/or management changes will be made to the rotation schedule the following year. In the event that areas not approaching allowable use levels are not available, livestock will be removed from the allotment. In the event of over utilization, changes will be made to the following year's AOI to prevent 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.

Loco	6/26/08 & 8/19/08
Canyon Creek	6/26/08 & 8/19/08
Pitchfork	7/1/08 & 9/23/08
7HL	7/1/08 & 9/23/08
South Negrito Holding	9/10/08
North Ewe Holding	9/10/08

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.
- Unless approved in a separate supplement plan, limit supplement types to salt, mineral, and protein blocks

4. Forage Growth and Water Availability:

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

5. Grazing Restriction:

The T Bar allotment includes Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Center's (PAC). In these PAC's 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. Range Improvements:

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

7. The Annual Operating Instructions are a part of the Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. They comply with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. They also comply 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 John D. Pierson, District Ranger, Reserve Ranger District, at P.O. Box 170, Reserve, NM 87830.

Please contact Jesarey Barela, Jerry Turner or myself at (575) 533-6231 if you have any questions or concerns.

/s/ John D. Pierson
John D. Pierson
District Ranger

07/09/08
Date