

## West Sand Flat Allotment

Quemado Ranger District  
 2010 Annual Operating Instructions  
 (01/7/10 & 01/29/10)

Permittee: Lucille Milligan Lumpkin and Steve Lumpkin; Aurora & Justiniano Kline

Permit Numbers: Lumkin-61189  
 Kline-61265

### Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Lumpkin

Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
15 Cow/calf	03/01	05/30	Term
15 Cow/calf	09/01	02/28	Term

Kline

Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
15 Cow/calf	03/01	04/15	Term
74 Cow/calf	04/16	05/31	Term
59 Cow/calf	06/01	08/31	Term
74 Cow/calf	09/01	11/30	Term
15 Cow/calf	12/01	2/28	Term

### 2010 Annual Authorization:

Authorized
Same as Permitted

#### 2010 Pasture Rotation - Lumpkin

Pasture	From	To	Number	Allowable Use
Sandflat	03/01/10	04/01/10	15 Cow/calf	35%
Apache Mountain	04/02/10	05/31/10	15 Cow/calf	35%
Sandflat	09/01/10	02/28/11	15 Cow/calf	35%

#### 2010 Pasture Rotation – Kline

Pasture	From	To	Number	Allowable Use
Sandflat	03/01/10	04/15/10	15 Cow/calf	35%
Sandflat	04/16/10	05/31/10	74 Cow/calf	35%
Sandflat	06/01/10	08/31/10	59 Cow/calf	35%
Apache Mountain	09/01/10	11/30/10	74 Cow/calf	35%
Sandflat	12/01/10	02/28/11	15 Cow/calf	35%

### **Grazing Restriction:**

The Tularosa Gauging station is excluded from livestock use yearlong. The purpose of this restriction is to provide measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife.

### **Allowable Use:**

The 1995 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 35% allowable use

### **Utilization Monitoring:**

Utilization monitoring will be conducted on or near key areas of your allotment. District personnel will monitor pasture use, and determine utilization percentage at that time. Monitoring dates will be set according to the previous year's monitoring results. If pastures were approaching allowable use during the 2009 grazing season they will be monitored at the mid-point of the pasture use period to determine if it is necessary for livestock to be moved to the next pasture in the rotation. Please note the following approximate dates that are scheduled for monitoring on the West Sand Flat Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

### **2010 Monitoring Dates:**

Pasture	Monitoring Dates	Pasture	Monitoring Dates
Sandflat	04/05/10	Apache Mountain	11/18/10
Apache Mountain	05/25/10	Sandflat	02/22/11
Sandflat	08/24/10		

If utilization levels are approaching allowable use levels, livestock will be required to be moved to areas within the pasture that are not approaching allowable use levels. If areas well under utilization levels are unavailable within the pasture, livestock will be moved to next scheduled pasture. If there are no pastures that remain under utilization, livestock will be required to move to private lands.

### **2009 Utilization Monitoring Results:**

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Sand Flat	4/14/09	PW	2.5%
Sand Flat	4/14/09	C2	1%

2009 monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization; I appreciate your efforts in management of livestock to comply with utilization standards.

#### **Forage Growth and Water Availability:**

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2009 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal will be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the grazing permit provides this option.

#### **Range Improvements:**

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

**Actual Use:**

Actual use for the 2009 grazing season was 134 AM's for Lumpkin's, and 526 AM's for Kline's. The total AM's for the 2009 grazing system is 660 AM's.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller at (575) 773-4678.

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District Ranger

2/17/10  
Date