

San Antone and Escondido Allotments

Quemado Ranger District
2010 Annual Operating Instructions
(01/07/10)

Permittee: Sunny Mesa Inc.

Permit Numbers: 61304 (San Antone), and 61311 (Escondido)

Private Land Permit Number: 61304-PVT

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permit #	Permitted AUMs	Time	Type
61304	1022	6 months	Term
61304-PVT	222	6 months	Private Land
61311	1188	6 months	Term

2010 Annual Validation:

Permit #	Authorized Numbers	Authorized AUMs	From	To	Type
61304	101 head cow/calf	800	4/16/10	10/15/10	Term
61304-PVT	28 head cow/calf	222	4/16/10	10/15/10	Private Land
61311	150 head cow/calf	1188	5/01/10	10/31/10	Term

2010 San Antone Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Start Date	End Date	Number	Allowable Use
Baca	04/16/10	06/16/10	129	35%
Central	06/17/10	09/01/10	129	35%
South	09/02/10	10/15/10	129	35%

2010 Escondido Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Start Date	End Date	Number	Allowable Use
East	05/01/10	08/01/10	150	35%
West	08/02/10	10/31/10	150	35%
Middle	REST			

Grazing Restriction:

The following grazing restriction applies to a portion of the South Pasture. A map displaying this area was provided to you with your permit; if you need a new map please contact Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller at the District office.

No salt, mineral or supplemental feed may be placed in these areas from February 1 to August 31 and no concentrations of livestock, i.e., corral use, traps or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is allowed. The purpose of this restriction is to mitigate wildlife issues.

Allowable Use:

Proper utilization of forage plants is a necessity to maintain long term productivity of the rangeland and to protect soils from erosion. Proper utilization will maintain sufficient ground cover to prevent erosion and meet the physiological needs of key forage plants for maintenance and reproduction over the long term. Allowable use is determined from considering proper use and all influencing factors such as grazing system, range condition, watershed condition, timing and duration of livestock use and scheduled amount of rest between use periods. Forage utilization guidelines in each upland key area is 35% during the growing season.

Utilization Monitoring:

Utilization monitoring will be conducted on or near key areas of your allotments. District personnel will monitor pasture use, and determine utilization percentage at that time. Monitoring dates will be set according to the previous years 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 San Antone / Escondido Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

Utilization Monitoring Dates for 2010:

Allotment	Pasture	Date
San Antone	Baca	06/16/10
San Antone	Central	08/25/10
San Antone	South	10/13/10
Escondido	East/Giles	06/16/10 & 07/28/10
Escondido	West	08/25/10 & 10/13/10
Escondido	Middle	Rested

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.

2009 Utilization Monitoring Results:

Date	Pasture (San Antone)	Key Area	Utilization	Date	Pasture (Escondido)	Key Area	Utilization
6/22/09	South	C-6	1%	6/22/09	West	C-3	18%
6/22/09	South	U1	32%	7/20/09	Middle	PW	16%
6/22/09	South	C-4	4%	8/19/09	Giles	C-1	27%
6/22/09	South	C-3	2%	8/19/09	West	C-3	26%
7/20/09	Baca	P-1	10%	8/19/09	Middle	C-2	5%
7/20/09	Baca	C-1	14%	8/19/09	Middle	PW	<35%
11/5/09	Central	P-2	24%				
11/5/09	Central	C-5	0%				

Please note that several key areas were approaching allowable use during the 2009 grazing season. For this reason monitoring will be conducted at the midpoint of the grazing period to determine continued pasture use.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2010 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 must be maintained to a functional status.

Actual Use:

Actual use for the San Antone allotment is 608 AM's for the term permit. Actual use calculated for the Escondido allotment is 681 AM's.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please call Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller at (575) 773-4678.

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 Date