



2010 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotment: Deep Canyon

Permittee: Glen McCarty

Permit Number: 61163

Permitted: 65 cow/calf 3/1-2/28 or 228 cow/calf 3/1-4/15 & 11/1-2/28

Authorization:

Authorized to graze the following in 2010:

Authorized	From	To	Allotment
65 cow/calf	3/01/10	2/28/11	Deep Canyon

Management:

Pasture	Time Frame
Jon S Pasture	3/01-4/15/10
Tularosa Pasture	4/16-7/15/10
Middle/Long Canyon Pasture	7/16-10/31/10
Jon S Pasture	11/01-2/28/11
Deep Canyon Pasture	Rest

No Livestock are allowed within the riparian area of the Tularosa River on National Forest System Lands. Please maintain all fences and water gaps necessary to keep your cattle out of the Tularosa River on NFS lands.

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off the allotment at least 5 days in advance, 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 the District has time to conduct monitoring and assess your request.

Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

Per Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit and as outlined in the 12/13/1999 Decision Notice; The maximum allowable use level set for the Deep Canyon Allotment is **35%** use during the growing season (4/1-10/31) and **45%** use during the dormant season (11/1-3/31). Monitoring will be conducted within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture. If utilization levels at any one key area in a scheduled pasture exceeds 60% use, you are



required to move livestock into areas not approaching allowable use. If cattle cannot be effectively managed away from areas within the pasture that have met allowable use or if utilization objectives are met throughout the pasture prior to scheduled rotation, contact District Personnel. Cattle will be moved into the next available pasture within the annual rotation. In the event that forage utilization objectives are met in all available pastures, livestock will be removed from the allotment. Management adjustments will be made to the following years Annual Operating Instructions to avoid recurring situations.

The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged and invited to participate in monitoring with District personnel and/or on your own.

Pasture	Monitoring date
Jon S Pasture	4/21/2010
Tularosa Pasture	7/21/2010
Middle/Long Canyon Pasture	11/11/2010
Jon S Pasture	2/18/2011

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

Per Part 2, Section 8(c) of your Term Grazing Permit; 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.

Salt and Supplement Policy:

Supplemental feeding of livestock is allowed (to strategically manage livestock distribution and forage use) as follows:

- a) Place supplements on previously disturbed areas (i.e., borrow pits) or natural bedrock outcrops when possible (supplement sites).
- b) Locate supplement sites 0.25 mile or more from waters and key areas except where prior written permission has been obtained from District Ranger.
- c) Locate supplement sites where forage is abundant and utilized less than average.
- d) Limit supplement types to non energy feeds such as salt, protein and mineral blocks.
- e) Use products that prevent the spread of noxious weeds (no feeding of hay on National Forest System Lands).

Grazing Restriction:

The Deep Canyon Allotment includes Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Centers (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 of range improvements is allowed.

Range Improvements:

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

Advance planning is needed for any range improvement reconstruction or replacement, including fences and water systems to evaluate the need for any additional surveys. General maintenance/repair is excluded. Advance planning is also needed for authorized stock tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled accordingly. Please contact the district in advance if you are proposing any of this type of work.

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.

The following range improvements were discussed and planned for the 2009 grazing season:

Fences:

1. All fences necessary to keep livestock out of the Tularosa River on NFS lands also must be maintained.
2. Northeast fence #6369 of John S Pasture needs repaired, approximately one mile.
3. Eagle Peak Fence #6137 from Wilson Tank to Buzzard Tank, approximately four miles needs heavy maintenance.

Contact district personnel for material availability and permit modification for these projects.

The Annual Operating Plan/Instructions are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, Section 8. It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the 12/13/1999 Deep Canyon Allotment Decision Notice and the Gila National Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the Deep Canyon Allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

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

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