

East Apache Creek
Quemado Ranger District
2010 Annual Operating Instructions
(1/20/2010)

Permittee: Ysidoro Mendoza

Permit Number: 61191

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	Type
113 Cow/calf	3/1	2/28	Term

2010 Annual Validation:

Authorized	From	To	Type
107 Cow/calf	03/01/10	10/01/10	Term
77 Cow/calf	10/02/10	2/28/11	Term

2010 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Livestock	Allowable Use
North	03/01/10	06/15/10	107	30%
Middle	06/16/10	10/01/10	107	30%
Middle	10/01/10	11/15/10	77	40%
Southeast	11/16/10	2/28/11	77	40%
Southwest	Rest			

Grazing Restriction:

Livestock grazing is not to occur in the Red Steer and Tularosa (Chaddick) traps from 4/1 to 11/1. The purpose of this restriction is to comply with the current consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 9/29/93 established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 40% allowable use. The allowable use guideline was amended, in 2001, to comply with ongoing grazing consultation to 40% allowable use during the dormant season (10/16-4/14) and 30% allowable use during the growing season (4/21-10/15) annually.

In addition allowable use levels were established for riparian woody species with no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within riparian areas. These riparian areas include Whiskey Creek, Red Steer Canyon, Apache Creek, Banta Spring, Owl Spring Canyon, and the Tularosa (Chaddick) trap.

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 East Apache Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2010 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Monitoring Dates
North	06/08/10
Middle (Red Steer)	11/09/10
Southeast	01/05/11 & 02/25/11

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	Key Area	Percent Use	Date	Pasture	Key Area	Percent Use
05/05/09	Middle	C3	1%	08/24/09	Southeast	C1	38%
05/05/09	Middle	C2	2%	12/17/09	Southeast	C1	42%
06/09/09	Southeast	P2	6%	12/17/09	Southeast	P2	12%
06/09/09	Southeast	C1	4%	12/17/09	Southeast	PW	21%

During the 2009 grazing season, our records indicate utilization levels exceeded allowable use levels in the Southeast pasture on key area C-1. Please be diligent in monitoring and distributing your livestock to ensure over utilization does not occur in the future. Remember that during the summer and early fall months (4/21-10/15), maximum utilization levels for the allotment are at 30% rather than at 40%.

I would remind you that the Southwest pasture is to be rested during the 2010 grazing season due to the heavy use in the Tularosa (Chaddick) trap area during the 2008 grazing season. This pasture will continue to be rested until sufficient water is available in the pasture that will properly distribute livestock. This is important for wildlife mitigation and the current consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2010, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment will be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the 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 data provided to the District was calculated at 988 AM's for the 2009 grazing season.

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

/s/ Janice S. Stevenson

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