

Gallo Mountain Allotment
Quemado Ranger District
2010 Annual Operating Instructions
(03/23/2010)

Permittee: Skousen Ranch Inc. and the Plateau Partnership

Permit Number: 61312 and 61312-PVT

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	AUMs	Type
433-662 yearlings	05/15	10/15	1866	Term
17 yearlings	05/15	10/15	60	PVT

2010 Annual Authorization:

Authorized	From	To	AUMs	Type
533 yearlings	05/15/10	10/15/10	1866	Term
17 yearlings	05/15/10	10/15/10	60	PVT

2010 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Negro Springs	05/15/10	07/15/10	550	35%
Headwater/Gallito/Bog/Castillo	07/16/10	10/15/10	550	35%

Grazing Restrictions:

No current restrictions apply to this allotment.

Allowable Use:

The 1999 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice identified 35% as the maximum allowable utilization by grazing animals.

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 Gallo Mountain Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2010 Monitoring Dates:

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 Monitoring Results:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Negro Springs	09/01/09	C6	3%	Lower Mallett	12/02/09	C1	2%
Negro Springs	09/01/09	C1	5%	Headwater	12/02/09	P2	1%
Gallito	09/01/09	P8	0%	Headwater	12/02/09	P3	26%
Gallito	09/01/09	C1	34%				

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:

Pasture	Monitoring Date
Negro Springs	06/21/10 & 07/21/10
Headwater/Gallito/Bog/Castillo	09/1/10 & 10/19/10

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2010 grazing season, total or partial removal of livestock from the allotment may be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the grazing permit provides this option.

Actual Use:

Actual use for the 2009 grazing season was calculated at 2,666 AM's on the forest permit and 86 AM's on the private permit. The total AM's for the Gallo Mountain Allotment for the 2009 grazing season equaled 2,752 AM's.

Range Developments:

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

No new range improvements have been identified for the 2010 grazing season.

Other Information:

As discussed, trend analysis monitoring will continue this fall on your allotment.

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

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04/01/10

Date