

Centerfire Allotment
Quemado Ranger District
2010 Annual Operating Instructions
(12/18/09)

Permittee: KCK Investments LLC
Permit Number: 061340

Term Permitted
Livestock:

| Permitted | From | To | Type |
|--------------|------|------|------|
| 139 Cow/calf | 3/1 | 2/28 | Term |

2010 Annual
Authorization:

| Authorized | From | To | Type |
|--------------|---------|----------|------|
| 139 Cow/calf | 03/1/10 | 02/28/11 | Term |

2010 Pasture Rotation:

| Pasture | Start Date | End Date | Number | Allowable Use |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|--------|---------------|
| Section/Campbell/Bishop | 3/1/10 | 6/15/10 | 139 | 30-30-20% |
| Dillon West/Bastion/SA | 6/15/10 | 9/15/10 | 139 | 30-20-30% |
| Dillon/Freeman | 9/15/10 | 12/1/10 | 139 | 30-25% |
| Black Gap | 12/1/10 | 2/28/10 | 139 | 30% |
| **Funderburg | ----- | ----- | 139 | 20% |

** Funderberg pasture is to be used as a gathering and holding pasture for overnight pasture moves.

S.A. #1, S.A. #2, Pinpoint 40, Centerfire #1, and Centerfire #2 - May enter these pastures only to trail livestock. No overnight stays will be allowed without prior approval from the District.

Grazing Restriction:

Grazing restrictions apply as shown on your allotment map provided to you in 2008. If you need another copy contact Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller at the District Office. The restrictions are as follows:

No salt, mineral or supplemental feed may be placed within the identified areas in the Bishop Canyon pasture from February 1 through August 31 and no concentration of livestock, i.e. corral use, traps, or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is permitted.

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. Proper use and allowable use rates on riparian woody species is 25%. Allowable use guidelines vary from 20% to 30% by pasture on herbaceous forage species.

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 Centerfire Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2010 Monitoring Dates:

| Pasture | Monitoring Date |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Section/Campbell/Bishop | 6/1/10 |
| Dillon West/Bastion/SA | 9/1/10 |
| Dillon/Freeman | 11/17/10 |
| Black Gap | 1/13/11 |
| Funderburg | 1/13/11 |

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. In the event, areas within the pasture are not available livestock will be moved to the next scheduled pasture. If allowable use standards are met in the remainder of the pastures it may be necessary to remove livestock from the allotment until conditions are adequate.

2009 Utilization Monitoring Results:

| Pasture | Date | Key Area | Use |
|-------------|---------|----------|------|
| Section | 4/17/09 | PW | 5% |
| Campbell | 4/17/09 | C2 | 4% |
| Bishop | 6/17/09 | P 1A | 15% |
| Dillon West | 6/17/09 | U1 | 0% |
| Bastion | 6/17/09 | P2 | 1% |
| SA | 7/29/09 | P3 | 19% |
| Black Gap | 11/3/09 | C1 | 38% |
| Black Gap | 11/3/09 | PW | <10% |

2009 utilization results show that key area C1, in the Black Gap pasture, exceeded allowable use. Although this was not representative of the pasture, monitoring will be conducted at midpoint of the grazing period to determine continued pasture use.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

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

Range Developments:

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permit will be maintained to a functional status. Improvements scheduled for maintenance during the 2010 grazing season include: Nine Tank, Knowlton Tank, Hulsey Tank, Joshua Tank, Funderburg Tank #'s 1 & 2 , Black Gap Tank #1, and Freeman Tank.

Actual Use:

Actual use data provided to the District was calculated at 1668 AM's for the 2009 grazing season.

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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District Ranger

1/6/10
Date