

**East Demetrio Allotment  
Quemado Ranger District  
2010 Annual Operating Instructions  
(01/19/10)**

**Permittees:** Candelario Chavez; Nicholas E. and Roxanne Chavez  
**Permit Number:** 61269 and 61270

***Term Permitted  
Livestock  
Numbers:***

Permittee	Permitted	From	To	Type
Candelario	40 Cow/calf	03/01	02/28	Term
Nicholas	40 Cow/calf	03/01	02/28	Term

***2010 Annual  
Authorization:***

Permittee	Authorized	From	To
Candelario	32 Cow/calf & 4 Horses	03/01/10	02/28/11
Nicholas	35 Cow/calf & 1 Horse	03/01/10	02/28/11

***2010 Pasture Rotation:***

Pasture	From	To	Number	Allowable Use
Chavez	03/01/10	07/15/10	All Cattle	35%
Harris	07/16/10	12/31/10	All Cattle	35 %
Largo	01/01/10	02/28/11	All Cattle	40%

***Grazing Restrictions:***

The following grazing restrictions will apply as they did in 2009. No salt, mineral or supplement feed may be placed within mixed conifer (i.e. Douglas Fir, oak woodlands) in the southeast portion of the Harris Pasture above Willow Springs 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 is to provide measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife.

***Allowable Use:***

In the Decision dated 12/13/99 the guidelines for forage utilization in key areas is 35% allowable use during growing season and 40% allowable use during dormant season.

Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within riparian areas.

**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 Demetrio Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

**2010 Monitoring Dates:**

Pasture	Monitoring Dates
Chavez	04/15/10 & 07/01/10
Harris (East & West)	09/08/10 & 12/20/10
Largo	02/24/11

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	Use
06/30/09	Largo	PW	1%
06/30/09	Largo	C2	1%
11/09/09	Harris(West)	P4	5%
11/09/09	Harris (East)	P3	5%
11/09/09	Harris (East)	C9	42%

2009 utilization results show that key area C9, in the Harris 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 grazing permit provides this option.

### ***Range Developments:***

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permit will be maintained to a functional status. As recorded in your Annual Operating Instruction meeting with Monte Topmiller, the following projects are planned for the 2010 grazing season: Candelario Chavez is going to reconstruct ½ mile of fence at Davis Trap. It is predicted that the completed project will be done before September 30, 2010. Soon thereafter, pictures of the completed fence will be supplied to the District. Please contact the District for material availability and paperwork.

Nick Chavez is going to repair a portion of fence near the Swenson Administration Site. It is predicted that the projects will be complete by the time cattle enter the Harris Pasture. Please contact the District for the availability of Easy Braces and for the appropriate paperwork.

### ***Actual Use:***

The total actual use for the 2009 grazing season totaled 758 AM's where Nicholas Chavez was responsible for 378 AM's and Candelario Chavez was responsible for 380 AM's. If you have any questions or comments concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please contact Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller at (575) 773-4678.

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2/17/10  
Date

