



## 2010 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

**Allotment:** Frisco Plaza

**Permittees:** Edward and Barbara Atwood, Julio Cordova, Danny and Jacqueline Fryar

Permit Numbers: 61166, 61230, 61231

### Authorization:

Authorized to graze the following in 2010:

Permittee	Authorized	From	To	Allotment
Atwood	82 cow/calf	3/01/10	2/28/2011	Frisco Plaza
Fryar	58 cow/calf & 2 horses	3/01/10	2/28/2011	Frisco Plaza
Cordova	25 cow/calf	3/01/10	2/28/2011	Frisco Plaza

### Management:

Frisco Plaza 2010 Pasture Rotation

Pasture	Time Frame
Apache Peak Unit & West	3/01-4/30 (all cattle)
Middle (Willow Unit)	5/1-10/31 (all cattle)
Apache Peak Unit & West	11/1-2/28 (all cattle)
Holding (Juan Anaya)	10/1-11/15 (gathering and shipping)
North (Frisco Plaza)	Rest

With the exception of 3 water points on the San Francisco River, no livestock are allowed within the riparian areas of the Tularosa River, Negrito Creek, or the San Francisco River on National Forest System land. Please maintain all fences and water gaps necessary to keep your cattle out of these riparian areas on NFS lands.

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off of the allotment, 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 that the District has time to conduct monitoring and assess your request.



### ***Utilization Standards and Monitoring:***

The maximum allowable use level set for the Frisco Plaza Allotment is **35%**. Monitoring will be conducted within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture. If utilization levels within portions of a scheduled pasture approach allowable 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.

<b>Pasture</b>	<b>Monitoring date</b>
Apache Peak Unit & West (including river)	05/05/2010
Middle (Willow Unit) & Holding (Juan Anaya)	11/10/2010
Apache Peak Unit & West	02/23/2011

### ***Forage Growth and Water Availability:***

Per Part 2, clause 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.

### ***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 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 this grazing season:

**Fences:**

1. One-quarter mile section of fence #618001 located along the San Francisco River needs replaced. The maintenance responsibility belongs to Julio Cordova.
2. Devils Park – Frisco Plaza Allotment Boundary Fence #003145 (3 miles) needs replaced.
3. Fence #3169 (approximately 3 miles) needs replaced in 2011.
4. Negrito Yeguas – Frisco Plaza Allotment Boundary Fence #003033OA needs repaired. Maintenance responsibility belongs to Negrito Yeguas Allotment. Please contact District Personnel to inquire about the availability of fence materials, necessary clearances and for a permit modification.

Fences affected by the 2006 Martinez Fire were evaluated and funding was requested to complete necessary repair or replacement of fences. Fences include:

5. Leggett - Frisco Plaza Allot. Boundary Fence #3195; reconstruct 1.5 miles.

**Water:**

6. Frisco Plaza Well drilled following the 8/30/1999 Frisco Plaza Well and Pipeline Project Decision Memo is not operational and needs evaluated further by the Permittees, Forest Personnel and New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE).
7. Long Tank (no improvement number) is breached and needs repaired.
8. Brushy Tank #003301 is silted in and needs cleaned.
9. Fryar's Delight Tank #006550 needs repaired.

**Rangeland restoration:**

9. Per the 4/28/2006 Frisco Plaza Push Maintenance Project Decision Memo, the Frisco Plaza Permittees and Reserve Ranger District will continue the grassland maintenance project in the Apache Unit Pasture. Of the 270 acre target, approximately 187 acres remain untreated. Project will continue in 2010 with three individual 40-acre treatment blocks.

***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).

**The Annual Operating Plan/Instructions** are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the Frisco

Plaza allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

This decision is subject to administrative review, pursuant to 36 CFR 251; and any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 251.90 (see enclosed copy of 36 CFR 251 regulations). In accordance with 36 CFR 251.84, if you file an appeal, I am willing to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with my decision. If you file an appeal, you may request an oral presentation in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.97). Additionally, if you file an appeal, you may request a stay of my decision in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.91).

A notice of appeal must be filed with Richard E. Markley, Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico, 88061-7863, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with John D. Pierson, District Ranger, Reserve Ranger District, at P.O. Box 170, Reserve, NM 87830.

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

*John D. Pierson*

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District Ranger

Date: *1/05/2010*