

2008

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (AOIs)

CANO ALLOTMENT # 00206

Gallegos Ranch
Fred and Peter Archuleta

**CARSON NATIONAL FOREST
EL RITO RANGER DISTRICT**

/s/ Alberta Maez acting for Diana Trujillo

District Ranger

2/01/2008

Date

Annual Operating Instructions

INTRODUCTION

This AOI is in reference to the discussion you had with Ezequiel Rael regarding management of the Cano Allotment. The authorized eartag color is "green". The authorized use for the 2008 Grazing Season on the Cano Allotment is as follows:

Table 1 – Permittee Information and Season of Use

Permittee Name	Permitted		Authorized		Eartag #	Remarks Includes a reduction in numbers
	#	Season	#	Season		
Gallegos Ranch	62 c/c	6/1 – 10/15	62 c/c	6/01 – 10/15	G1 - 62	
Fred & Peter Archuleta	38 c/c	6/1 – 10/15	38 c/c	6/01 – 10/15	A1 - 38	
TOTAL	100 Head	6/1 – 10/15	100 head	6/01 – 10/15		

A range readiness inspection is scheduled for May 20th to determine whether range vegetation and soils will be ready for grazing.

Compliance with New Mexico Statewide Regulations, NMAC 21.30.6 Bovine Trichomoniasis, effective June 17, 2005 hereby becomes a term and condition of the USFS grazing permit. We ask you to comply with the Trichomoniasis regulations imposed by the State of New Mexico. We will not add any additional regulations other than what the state requires.

All livestock must be scheduled for counting prior to entering the Cano Allotment. The El Rito Range personnel must be notified 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

Nonuse applies only to animal numbers. Nonuse of a term permit must be requested in written form for all of the permitted numbers (Total Nonuse), or part of the permitted numbers (Partial Nonuse). Verbal applications will not be accepted. If a permittee elects to request "total nonuse" he/she is still responsible for maintenance of assigned range improvements. Any Non-Use may be recorded as resource protection for the 2008 grazing season.

A credit/refund application must be completed within a week after placing livestock late on the allotment or removing livestock early. A credit/refund is not automatic but must be requested in writing by the permittee(s) and approved by the District Ranger.

ROTATION SCHEDULE

Initial distribution of your livestock is tentatively planned as follows (**actual dates will be based on range readiness**):

Table 2: 2008 Rotation Schedule

Pasture	Livestock #	Dates
Canovas Pasture	100 Head of Cattle	6/01 – 8/31
Jose Maria Pasture	100 Head of Cattle	9/01 – 10/15

Total removal of all livestock from the pasture/allotment is encouraged. A five day grace period will be

allowed to remove stray(s) permitted livestock from the allotment.

FORAGE UTILIZATION GUIDELINES

Forage utilization will be measure in key areas as shown on the attached map. Proper utilization of forage is critical in livestock management on the Cano Allotment.

Table 3 – Forage Utilization Guidelines

Pasture Name	Key Forage Species	Stubble Height
Jose Maria Pasture	AZ/Thurber Fescue	6 – 8”
	Kentucky Blue	4 – 6”
	Oat Grasses	8 – 10”
Canovas Pasture	AZ/Thurber Fescue	6 – 8”
	Kentucky Blue	4 – 6”
	Oat Grasses	4 – 6”
Riparian Areas	Red Top	4 – 6”
	Kentucky Blue	4 – 6”
	Sedges	4 – 6”

MONITORING

Monitoring will be conducted using a combination of monitoring techniques including, but not limited to, paired cages, photo points, Rapid Assessment Method, and permittee monitoring. Monitoring items such as distribution patterns, range readiness, cattle numbers, forage use levels, salting practices, and condition of improvements will be evaluated..

Both the Forest Service and the permittee are responsible for monitoring use and stubble height on the allotment to manage within specified utilization standards. Monitoring dates are tentatively scheduled for June 25th, July 22nd, and September 16th, 2008 and another one will be scheduled at the end of the grazing season. Permittees are invited and encouraged to accompany Forest Service Range staff in the field while range condition evaluations are being made. We will be departing the El Rito Ranger District office at 9:30 am.

If areas within a pasture or the pasture as a whole begin to approach the identified stubble heights, then the remaining key areas will also be monitored and the pasture inspected to determine overall use patterns. This information will be used to determine if cattle need to be re-distributed within the pasture or removed from the pasture. The length of season depends on the intensity of management and cooperation between permittees on livestock distribution and moving from pasture to pasture. Total removal of all livestock from the pasture/allotment is encouraged.

Regular herding and riding practices are the key to achieving proper livestock distribution on the allotment, and to provide for the fullest use of the grazing season. Salt must be placed out of bottoms, away from water, roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

The following projects were discussed for the Cano Allotment:

- Clean and install cattleguards between the allotment boundary fence (ABF) between the Salvador /Cano allotments.
- Replace the existing cattleguard between the Cano and the Salvador Complex Allotment. Sam Gallegos will pick up cattleguard and install
- Permittee would like FS to remind Salvador Complex permittee to repair fence North of FR 559.

It is important that you inspect and maintain the assigned fences and water developments in the “*entry pasture*” to a good functioning condition prior to the entry date. All other pasture fences and waters must be maintained prior to livestock movement into the next scheduled pasture(s).

In the event these improvements cannot be brought up to standard, you should notify the range personnel so we can schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available. An inspection of your allotment prior to the entry date will be made to determine if maintenance is adequate.

If you have a need to cut fence stays or posts while you are maintaining your fences on your allotment, you can get authorization to cut these materials by obtaining a Free Use Permit from the range personnel at the El Rito office.

ALLOTMENT STATUS

At the present time direction for management on the allotment is being documented in the AOIs. An Environmental Assessment for the Cano Allotment was completed in 2006. An Allotment Management Plan for the Cano Allotment was completed in 2007 and will provide management direction for the next 10 years.

Open and positive communication is encouraged. Feel free to contact the range personnel if you have any questions or problems. They will be happy to discuss allotment management, on the ground status, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, and possible changes in allotment management.

ACTUAL USE INFORMATION

**CANO ALLOTMENT
2008 GRAZING SEASON**

Attachment 1

Pasture	Planned Livestock Number & Class	Planned Use		Actual Use		Remarks
		Date on	Date Off	Date on	Date Off	
Canovas	100 cow/calf	6/01	8/31			
Jose Maria	100 cow/calf	9/01	10/15			

Number of Head counted on _____.

Number of head lost: _____.

Table 4

Livestock Class	Poisonous Plants	Predators	Other	Total Losses

UTILIZATION INFORMATION

**CANO ALLOTMENT
2008 GRAZING SEASON**

Attachment 2

Pasture	Head Months (HMs)	Animal Unit Months	Allowable Utilization (percent)	Date Monitored	Observed Utilization
Canovas					
Jose Maria					

