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2007

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (AOIs)

SALVADOR COMPLEX ALLOTMENT # 00203

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**CARSON NATIONAL FOREST
EL RITO RANGER DISTRICT**

District Ranger

Date



Annual Operating Instructions

INTRODUCTION

This Annual Operating Instructions are in reference to the discussion you had with Diana Trujillo, Ezequiel Rael and Craig Newman on January 23, 2007. The authorized eartag color is “yellow” for the permitted cattle. The permitted sheep are authorized painted “green”. The authorized use for the 2007 Grazing Season on the Salvador Complex Allotment is as follows:

Table 1 - Permittee Information and Season of Use

Permittee Name	Permitted		Authorized		Remarks Includes a reduction in numbers
	#	Season	#	Season	
J & R Partnership	305 c/c	6/16 – 10/15	150 c/c	6/16 – 10/15	51% voluntary reduction in #'s
J & R Partnership	329 e/l	6/16 – 10/15	400 e/l	6/16 – 10/15	
Dolores & Ty Montoya	750 e/l	6/16 – 10/15	<i>Total Nonuse</i>		
Total	305 c/c 1079 e/l	6/16 – 10/15	150 c/c 400 e/l	6/16 – 10/15	

Range readiness inspections will determine whether range vegetation and soils are 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 Salvador Complex Allotment. The El Rito range personnel must be notified 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest. A five day grace period will be allowed to remove stray(s) permitted livestock from the allotment.

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*). Any Nonuse will be recorded as resource protection for the 2007 Grazing Season. Verbal applications will not be accepted.

If a permittee elects to request partial or total nonuse, he/she is still responsible for maintenance of assigned range improvements.

A credit/refund application must be submitted 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 - Rotation Schedule for Cattle Herd

Salvador Pasture	150 c/c	6/16 - 7/15
Felipito Pasture	150 c/c	7/16 - 8/15
Arriba Pasture	150 c/c	8/16 - 9/15
Abra Pasture	150 c/c	9/16 - 10/15

Table 3 - Rotation Schedule for Sheep Band

Abra	400 e/l	6/16 - 6/30
Chacon	400 e/l	7/01 - 7/15
Upper Chacon	400 e/l	7/16 - 7/31
Canjilon Meadows	400 e/l	8/01 - 8/15
Jarosita	400 e/l	8/16 - 9/15
El Rito Creek	400 e/l	9/16 - 9/30
Abra	400 e/l	10/01 - 10/16

FORAGE UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Forage Utilization will be measured in key area shown on the attached map. Proper utilization of forage is a critical factor in livestock management on the Salvador Complex Allotment. 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. Permittees are invited and encouraged to accompany Forest Service range staff in the field while range condition evaluations are being made.

Within the Salvador Complex Allotment the key forage species are:

Table 4 - Forage Utilization Standards

<i>Pasture Name</i>	<i>Key Forage Species</i>	<i>Stubble Height</i>
Salvador/ Abra Felipito/ Arriba Pastures	Arizona/Thurber	6 - 8"
	Fescue	
	Kentucky Blue	4 - 6"
	Grass	
	Oat Grasses	8 - 10"
Riparian Areas	Red Top	4 - 6"
	Kentucky Blue	4 - 6"
	Sedges	4 - 6"



MONITORING

Field inspections will be conducted to monitor allowable use, and movement of livestock. Permittees are encouraged and invited to participate in these inspections. Once allowable use is achieved using the above Forage Utilization Guidelines, livestock must be moved into the next scheduled pasture or off the allotment. 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.

Both the Forest Service and the permittee are responsible for monitoring use and stubble height on the allotment to manage within specified utilization standards.

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.

Monitoring items such as distribution patterns, range readiness, cattle numbers, forage use levels, salting practices, and condition of improvements will be evaluated.

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.

Range readiness inspections will determine whether range vegetation and soils are ready for grazing

IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

The following projects and maintenance concerns were discussed during the annual meeting:

- Clean and repair Abra Tank
- Concerns about ABF with Alamosa allotment – will discuss with Alamosa permittees
- Concerns about ABF with Canjilon District – George Jaramillo

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. According to the Carson National Forest Plan implementation schedule, an Allotment Management Plan update, developed using the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, has been scheduled for completion in 2007.

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.

TRESPASS AND UNAUTHORIZED USE

Notify the El Rito Ranger District of any known violation. Grazing permit holders who put on more livestock than permitted will be served with a notice of non-compliance, charged an unauthorized grazing fee, and face possible suspension/cancellation of all or part of their permit. Permittees are encouraged to report all trespass to the District range personnel.

APPEAL STATEMENT

This Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) is hereby made a part of your Term Grazing Permit

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. 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 Martin Chavez, Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest, 208 Cruz Alta, Taos, New Mexico 87571, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with Diana Trujillo, District Forest Ranger, who was the deciding officer and the address for mailing the appeal copy is P.O. Box 56, El Rito, New Mexico 87530.

I will appreciate if you contact me and together we can try to resolve disagreements before you file any Notice of Appeal. I value your experience and knowledge of the allotment. If we cannot reach an agreement, you may exercise your appeal rights. This will insure that we both understand the reasons for each others position regarding any issues. I look forward to working with you this season. I am confident that together we will work effectively to manage the range resources in a manner that reflects good stewardship for the land and cattle alike.



**ACTUAL USE INFORMATION
SALVADOR COMPLEX ALLOTMENT
2007 GRAZING SEASON**

Attachment 1

Pasture	Planned Livestock Number & Class	Planned Use		Actual Use		Remarks
		Date on	Date Off	Date on	Date off	
Salvador	150 cow/calf	6/16	7/15			
Felipito	150 cow/calf	7/16	8/15			
Arriba	150 cow/calf	8/16	9/15			
Abra	150 cow/calf	9/16	10/15			
Abra	400 ewe/lamb	6/16	6/30			
Chacon	400 ewe/lamb	7/01	7/15			
Upper Chacon		7/16	7/31			
Canjilon Meadow/Creek	400 ewe/lamb	8/01	8/15			
Jarosita	400 ewe/lamb	8/16	9/15			
El Rito Creek	400 ewe/lamb	9/16	10/30			
Abra	400 ewe/lamb	10/01	10/15			

Number of Head counted on _____.

Number of head lost: _____.

Additional Comments: _____.

Table 5

Livestock Class	Poisonous Plants	Predators	Other	Total Losses



**UTILIZATION INFORMATION
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2007 GRAZING SEASON**

Attachment 2

Pasture	Head Months (HMs)	Animal Unit Months	Allowable Utilization (percent)	Date Monitored	Observed Utilization
Abra					
Arriba					
Felipito					
Salvador					



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