

2006

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (AOIS)

JARITA MESA ALLOTMENT # 00202

List of Permittees 1

Jarita Mesa Livestock Grazing Association	Griego Ranch c/o Thomas L., David & Donald Griego
Gabriel J. Aldaz	Joe Gurule Jr.
Alfonso Chacon Jr.	Diego R. Jaramillo
Jeffrey D. Chacon	Lorenzo A. Jaramillo
Sebedeo R. Chacon	Horacio D., Ronald H., & Martin K. Martinez
Timoteo, Candelaria & Isaac Chacon	Max Jr. & Stella Torrez
Celina & Joseph D. Gallegos	Elive Valdez
Isaac & Juan Giron	Jerry, Floyd & Ernesto Valdez
	Pena Ranch c/o Bertram I., Henry A., Michael T., & Harold E. Pena

**CARSON NATIONAL FOREST
EL RITO RANGER DISTRICT**

Permittee or Association President

Date

District Ranger, El Rito

Date

drought conditions continue you may be required to remove your cattle September 15th or even earlier. The dry conditions may cause utilization rates to be reached sooner than the planned dates. Please insure that you help in moving the cattle. It's critical that utilization rates are maintained as a part of drought management. Movement decisions will be made in cooperation with you and based on the utilization of key forage species and key areas as outlined in the Annual Operating Instructions.

Billing will be from 5/15 – 9/15, however if livestock remain beyond 9/15, an additional bill will be generated and sent to permittees. This is for the 2006 grazing season only and will not change your permitted season of 5/01 – 10/31.

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. However you are encouraged as a grazing association to incorporate Trich Management guidelines as you see fit to regain your status as a trich free herd in the State of New Mexico. We will support your efforts and requirements to help eliminate Trich in the grazing allotment.

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. Any Non-use may be recorded as Resource Protection for the 2006 grazing season.

All livestock must be scheduled for counting prior to entering the Jarita Mesa 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 for removal of stray(s) permitted cattle from the allotment.

If a permittee elects to request “*total nonuse*” he/she is still responsible for maintenance of assigned range improvements.

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 1 – Pasture Rotation

Maton De Encino Pasture	5/15 – 5/31
Comanche/La Tetilla	5/15 – 5/31
Jarita Pasture	6/01 – 7/15
Kiowa Pasture	7/15 – 9/15

* The routing schedule described above can be changed by the District Ranger when unforeseen circumstances, such as lack of water or overuse occurs within the pasture. You may propose changes of pastures outside of the above routing schedule in coordination with this office. A written justification should be submitted by the permittee to this office before a proposal to change the above routing schedule will be acted upon by the District Ranger. The decision made by the District Ranger will be based upon the condition of the range, recommendations of the range staff, and the needs of the permittees.

Total removal of all livestock from the pasture/allotment is mandatory. A five-day grace period will be allowed to remove stray(s) permitted livestock from the pasture/allotment.

FORAGE UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Forage Utilization will be measured in established key areas. Proper utilization of forage is a critical factor in livestock management on the Jarita Mesa Allotment.

Within the Jarita Mesa Allotment the key forage species are:

Table 1 – Forage Utilization Standards

Pasture Name	Key Forage Species	Stubble Height
Maton de Encino, Comanche & La Tetilla Pastures	Western Wheat	4 – 5”
	Blue Grama	2 – 2.5”
	Black Grama	4 – 5”
	Crested Wheatgrass	4 – 5.5”
	Arizona Fescue	6 – 7”
Jarita Pasture	Kentucky Blue	4 – 5”
	Mt. Muhly	4 – 5”
	AZ/Thurber Fescue	6 – 7”
Kiowa Pasture	Kentucky Blue	4 – 5”
	Oat Grasses	8 – 10”
	Mt. Muhly	4 – 5”
	Red Top	4 – 6”
Riparian Areas	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. Permittees are invited and encouraged to accompany Forest Service Range staff in the field while range condition evaluations are being made. Field inspections will be conducted to monitor allowable use, and movement of livestock. Both the Forest Service and the permittee are responsible for monitoring use and stubble height on the allotment to manage within specified utilization standards. Once allowable use is achieved, 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.

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 also 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.

IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

The following projects have been approved for completion within the next three years with the Upper Rio Vallecitos 319(h) Grant:

- 60' x 60' corral in Canon Plaza
- 300 acres of brushhogging and reseeded on the Maton de Encino Pasture
- New cattleguard in Dorado Canyon
- Reconstruct Alire Spring

FENCE MAINTENANCE

All assigned fences and water developments in must be maintained and determined to be in good functioning condition prior to the entry date. An inspection of your allotment prior to the entry date will be made to determine if maintenance is adequate. Permittees failing to fulfill maintenance responsibilities will result in cattle not being authorized to enter the allotment.

If you have a need to cut fence stays or posts for fence maintenance you may obtain a Free Use Permit from the range personnel at the El Rito office.

Reminder: Even Year fence maintenance assignments are issued to Lorenzo and Diego Jaramillo.
Odd Year fence maintenance assignments are issued to Max Torrez, and Pena Ranch.

ALLOTMENT STATUS

At the present time direction for management on the allotment is being documented in the AOIs.

According to the Carson Forest Plan implementation schedule, an Allotment Management Plan update, developed using the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, has been scheduled for the year 2008.

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.

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 would 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 other's 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.

ATTACHMENT 1

**ACTUAL USE INFORMATION
JARITA MESA ALLOTMENT
2006 GRAZING SEASON**

Actual Use Table 1

Pasture	Planned Livestock Number & Class	Planned Use		Actual Use		Remarks
		Date on	Date Off	Date on	Date Off	
Maton de Encino		5/1	5/31			
Comanche/La Tetilla		5/1	5/31			
Jarita		6/1	7/15			
Kiowa		7/15	10/31			

Number of Head counted on _____.

Number of head lost: _____.

Actual Use Table 2

Livestock Class	Poisonous Plants	Predators	Other	Total Losses

Additional Comments:

ATTACHMENT 2

**UTILIZATION INFORMATION
JARITA MESA ALLOTMENT
2006 GRAZING SEASON**

Utilization Table 1

Pasture	Head Months (HMs)	Animal Unit Months	Allowable Utilization (percent)	Date Monitored	Observed Utilization
Maton de Encino					
Comanche/La Tetilla					
Jarita					
Kiowa					

