

TRAMPAS ALLOTMENT #401
Carson National Forest
Camino Real Ranger District

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS 2009

The annual meeting for the Trampas Allotment was held on April 7, 2009, at the District Office in Peñasco, New Mexico. Attending were Jake Lopez, Frutoza Lopez, Elias Estevan and Margaret Velarde, Adrian Martinez and his son Tommy, Raymond Chavez, Richard Maestas, and J. D. Sandoval from the Trampas Grazing Association. Melvin Herrera and Sean Kelly represented the Forest Service.

These annual operating instructions are hereby made a part of the Term Grazing Permit for the Trampas Grazing Association.

The Camino Real District and permittees discussed the improving drought conditions, current snow depth and water content on the allotment and the outlook on predicted weather patterns for this coming season. Considerable snowfall has occurred and permittees were offered full numbers if they are able. Any non-use this year again will be recorded as for personal convenience.

Table 1-Permitted and Authorized kind and number

1. Permittee	Permitted Number and kind	Authorized Number and kind
Trampas Grazing Association	124 cow/calf, 6 bulls	86 cow/calf, 6 bulls
Raymond M. Chavez	(7 cow/calf)	(12 cow/calf)
Melvin Cordova	(4 cow/calf)	(0 cow/calf)
Frutoza, Jake, & Edward Lopez	(25 cow/calf)	(18 cow/calf, 1 bull)
Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Martinez	(19 cow/calf)	(19 cow/calf, 1 bull)
Jose F. Martinez	(9 cow/calf)	(0 cow/calf)
Viola Sanchez McTeigue Estate	(7 cow/calf)	(0 cow/calf)
Florinda M. Romero Estate	(2 cow/calf)	(0 cow/calf)
Orlando Sanchez, Jr.	(12 cow/calf)	(0 cow/calf)
Mr & Mrs. Jose D. Sandoval	(9 cow/calf)	(11 cow/calf, 1 bull)
Eddie Randy and Floyd Tafoya	(9 cow/calf)	(0 cow/calf)
Irene Velarde Valdez	(4 cow/calf)	(0 cow/calf)
Elias Estevan Velarde	(7 cow/calf)	(16 cow/calf, 2 bulls)
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maestas	(10 cow/calf)	(10 cow/calf, 1 bull)

2. Season of Use
05/16 - 9/30 (138 days)

Table 2-Pasture Rotation

3. Pasture Rotation				
Pasture	Estimated Dates	Estimated Time	Actual Use	Utilization%
Lower Entrañas #4	05/1 – 05/7	7 days		
Lower Entrañas #3 and Canada Abeyta	05/8 – 05/25	17 days		
Lower Entrañas #2	05/26 – 06/08	14 days		
Lower Entrañas #1	06/09 – 06/28	20 days		
Trampas River	06/29 – 09/15	79 days		

Canada Abeyta will be used in conjunction with Lower Entrañas #3, and rotation dates are flexible depending on resource conditions through the grazing season.

4. Maintenance of Improvements

The entire cost of improvements maintenance is the responsibility of the permittee. Assigned allotment boundary fences, pasture division fences, stock tanks, springs, cattleguards, and other range structural improvements must be maintained prior to the permittees going on to the allotment.

5. Other Items Discussed

The 2008 grazing season went well with excellent cooperation between permittees and the District. The voluntary reduction of livestock grazed by 33 percent last season (83c/c 4bulls), as well as a good production year, allowed for the allotment to be grazed within the allowable use levels. Distribution of livestock was good last season. Permittees did a good job of maintenance of range improvements.

The Grazing Instructions for 2009 are the same as in 2008.

Utilization guidelines for 2009 are 40% of available annual forage in key use areas and 4 inches stubble height in riparian zones. Use guidelines can be adjusted to 60% use on Crested Wheat stands west of the highway. Forage utilization will be measured in key areas.

Permittees will continue with the monitoring of their allotment in key use areas.

The Trampas allotment is undergoing the NEPA analysis now and discussion took place as to what was occurring right now. Permittees were asked for their input into the proposed action. Permittees agreed that they did not want to give up the area along the Canada Ancha and expressed a desire to graze it once a water source was developed.

The opportunity of being able to hire a rider and have half his wages paid for by the Quivira Coalition exists again this year. It was discussed that they could possibly share a rider with the Rio Chiquito allotment.

The grazing fee this year is \$1.35 per head month for cattle.

FS discussed with permittees that testing for trich is not mandatory this year but was encouraged.

The Forest Service discussed ongoing efforts with the Travel Management Rule. Permittees stated that they need to use ATV's and motor vehicles for performing their required maintenance on fences and other range improvements, checking that gates are closed, checking on cattle health and location, and placing salt and mineral supplements. Forest Service should be able to accommodate with a written letter issued to the permittees.

Permittees expressed concern about the wildings being dug up in the Lower Entrañas pastures. There are many holes being left unfilled and it is occurring at all hours, leading some to believe they may not be permitted.

There was also a concern expressed about the Highway fence at Entrañas canyon being cut by ATV users. They also would like to see the NM Dept. of Transportation do much needed maintenance along the highway NM76. FS will visit with the NMDOT. The cattleguard off the highway Right of Way in FR156 needs cleaning and the road to La Joya needs a post and possibly a wing also.

Permittees and FS will look at range together to determine range readiness and on-date. It was discussed that we would look at going in on May 1st this year with the intent of trying to have more days grazed west of the highway and exiting the allotment by September 15th.

Priority for Range Betterment work for 2009:

1. Wing corral will be repaired in cooperation with Rio Chiquito permittees.
2. Spring development at Turkey plot needs new pipeline and trough.
3. New water source between Canada de Los Alamos and La Joya.

The fence along the Trampas River boundary will be maintained as needed between the Trampas and Rio Chiquito associations to prevent cattle from mixing.

Permittees acquired a new storage tank to add to the Trick Tank #3. It is in place but still needs to be hooked up to the existing system in a way that it could store the overflow from the first storage tank.

The Camino Real Ranger District will provide tags to permittees as needed.

Permittees agreed to have members of the Rio Chiquito association utilize the Canada Ancha area, as requested, same as last year. This area has been utilized by Presciliano Sandoval and Joyce Sandoval as they have water on private land and there is no water on the pasture. Permittees ask that he graze within the utilization guidelines of 40 percent and that a trade for part of the Rio Chiquito allotment (acres in Lower Entranas pasture) be considered when NEPA is completed on the two allotments.

The Camino Real Ranger District would like at least 2 weeks notice prior to any proposed change in management (either season or numbers) so that they can go look at the allotment with the permittee.

APPEAL RIGHTS:

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 or the appeal record (36 CFR 251.91).

A notice of appeal must be filed with the Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest, 208 Cruz Alta, Taos, NM 87571, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with the Camino Real District Forest Ranger, who was the deciding officer and the address for mailing the appeal copy is P.O. Box 68, Peñasco, New Mexico 87553.