

TIENDITAS ALLOTMENT #455

Carson National Forest
 Camino Real Ranger District

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS 2006

The annual meeting for the Tienditas Allotment was held on March 15, 2006, at Talpa, New Mexico. Attending were Juan Pablo Martinez for the Tienditas Allotment and Melvin Herrera from the Forest Service.

These annual operating instructions are hereby made a part of the Term Grazing Permit for Juan P. Martinez on the Tienditas allotment.

FS and permittees discussed current drought conditions, current snow depth and water content on the allotment, and the outlook on predicted weather patterns for this coming season. Some considerations in dealing with drought are authorized numbers, season of use, and possible early off dates. The Permittee volunteered a 39 percent reduction in number of permitted livestock to improve range conditions brought about by recent drought conditions.

Table 1 - Permittee, Permitted, Authorized number and kind

| Permittee | Permitted Number/Kind | Authorized Number /Kind |
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| Juan P. Martinez | 12 cow/calf, 1 bull | 7 cow/calf, 1 bull |

Table 2 - Season of use

| 2. Permitted Number/Kind |
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| 06/15-09/30 (107 days) |

Table 3- Pasture Roatation

| 3. Pasture Rotation | | | | |
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| Pasture | Estimated Dates | Estimated Days | Actual Use | Utilization % |
| West | 06/15-08/20 | 67 days | | |
| East | 08/21-0930 | 40 days | | |

4. Maintenance of Improvements

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

5. Other Items of Discussion

The 2005 grazing season went well on the allotment. The permittee contributed to a good season by managing the distribution of livestock, and volunteering a 39 percent reduction in cattle numbers. The utilization on the allotment was within allowable limits despite recent drought effects and production last season was good. Maintenance of range improvements was good.

Grazing Instructions for 2006 are the same as in 2005.

Utilization guidelines for 2006 are 40% of available annual forage in key use areas and 4 inches stubble height in riparian zones. Forage utilization will be measured in key forage areas.

Permittee was asked to furnish the Forest Service with an actual use report showing all costs incurred with management of the allotment for last season.

The grazing fee this year is \$1.56 per head month for cattle.

Permittee and FS will look at the range together to determine range readiness and on-date.

Permittee discussed his wishes to waive his permit to his son's. FS informed the permittee on alternatives on how this can be done. Permittee will discuss the issue with his son's and get back to the FS on their wishes.

FS relayed information in cooperation with the New Mexico Livestock Board on required bull testing for Bovine Trichomoniasis on all bulls entering FS lands.

Permittees were encouraged to attend a two day workshop in Abiquiu at the Ghost Ranch on innovative grazing management. A flyers was provided to the permittee.

Priority for Range Betterment work for 2006:

1. Reconstruct the fence on the south side on the allotment. Approximately ½ mile.

The Forest Service is not requiring the cattle to be tagged, but it was discussed how the tags helps to determine the ownership of trespass cows. Forest Service will count cattle upon entry date.

Forest Service 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 of the appeal record (36CFR 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 PO Box 68, Penasco, New Mexico 87553.