

Quemado Ranger District
2003 Annual Operating Plan/Instructions
(1/15/03)

Allotment Name: Jewett Gap

Permittee: Phil Scott **Ranch Manager** Gene Baca

Permit Number: 06-1141

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers: 51 cow/calf 5/1 – 10/31

2003 Annual Validation: 51 cow/calf 5/1/03 – 10/31/03

Grazing System:

4 pasture deferred rotation.

Pasture Rotation:

2003:

Gap Pasture	5/01/03 to 5/15/03	All cattle	Allowable use – 35%
Fox Pasture	5/16/03 to 6/30/03	All cattle	Allowable use – 35%
Gallo Pasture	7/01/03 to 8/15/03	All cattle	Allowable use – 35%
Headquarters Pasture	8/16/03 to 8/31/03	All cattle	Allowable use – 35%
Gap Pasture	9/01/03 to 10/31/03	All cattle	Allowable use – 35%

Grazing Restriction:

No current grazing restrictions apply to this allotment.

Allowable Use:

Proper utilization of forage plants is a necessity to maintain long term productivity of the rangeland and to protect soils from erosion. Proper utilization will maintain sufficient ground cover to prevent erosion and meet the physiological needs of key forage plants for maintenance and reproduction over the long term. Allowable use is determined from considering proper use and all influencing factors such as grazing system, range condition, watershed condition, timing and duration of livestock use and scheduled amount of rest between use periods

Standard:

Forage use by grazing animals will be maintained at a level, which provides satisfactory range/watershed conditions and assures recovery and continued existence of threatened and endangered species of plants and animals.

Guideline:

The maximum allowable utilization on forage is 35%. This allowable use is based on a four-pasture deferred rotation. Range and watershed resources are estimated to be in Fair stable or better condition.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Key area forage utilization monitoring will continue. Within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture, those key areas will be visited by the Forest Service to determine actual grazing use by livestock/wildlife. These areas are the existing cluster/pace transect sites. Key area utilization checks may also be conducted mid way through a pasture use period to determine actual grazing use. I encourage you to participate in these key area utilization surveys. Estimated forage use determinations will be consistent with the Region 3 Range Analysis Handbook. Methods to be utilized will be ocular estimates, grazed plant method, clip/weigh and/or Grazing Intensity Guidelines.

Utilization Monitoring Results:

No monitoring was conducted in 2002, due to the allotment being in non-use.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2003 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the grazing permit provides this option.

Range developments:

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permit will be maintained to a functional status.

In addition, specific improvement maintenance included:

1. Fence #4382 will be partially reconstructed; the district will provide the materials necessary for completion of this project.
2. Fence # 4413-4473 will be partially reconstructed; the district will provide the materials necessary for completion of this project.
3. Headquarters Pasture Tank – May need fence maintenance.

In addition, new range developments discussed included:

Gene Baca would like to drill a well during 2003. John submitted the forms for the well drilling permit. The permit was received during late 2001 and was adequate for one year. A new permit will need to be obtained.

Actual Use:

No actual use was calculated for the 2002 grazing season due to the allotment being in Non-use. For your reference the 10 year actual use average has been calculated to be 65 AM's. The average actual use for when cattle have been stocked on the allotment (3 of 10 years) is 244 AM's

Other Information:

1. Gene plans to “stay ahead of the cattle” with his fence repair this coming spring. Gene please provide a list of the fences maintained for our records.
2. Gene would like to have the road going around the south end of Haas property locked off, instead of shutting it off completely, since he needs it for moving cattle and fixing fence between Jewett Gap and Gallo Mountain. Jimmy Heap may also need it for access to the Gallo Well. The plan at this time is to make that area accessible by ATV and/or horseback by placing large rocks, on the road to Gallo Well, between Haas’s place and the mountain.
3. Phil Scott does not plan to sell his cattle or base property, so Baca will proceed with projects on the allotment.
4. Post Spring – Needs cleaning and reconstruction of dam.
5. Directly Tank – Needs cleaning.
6. Trick tank needed on point T3S; R17W; Sec.18; NE ¼; NE 1/4.
7. Grassy Tank needs bentonite.
8. Top Tank needs bentonite.
9. Permittee proposes that Chrysothamnus nauseosus (Rabbit Brush) needs to be cut in the H. Q. pasture with a mower mounted on a small tractor.
10. Road Canyon Tank – Needs bentonite.

****Phil and Gene, prior to cleaning out any stock tanks please contact John for approval.**

If you have any questions or comments concerning these operating instructions, please call John Pierson at (505) 773-4678.

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1/27/2003
Date