

Utilization Monitoring Results:

The following key areas were monitored during the 2003 grazing season:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
East Camp	2/24/2003	P-5	43%
East Camp	2/24/2003	P-4	15%
East Camp	2/24/2003	C-1	20%
Toriette	7/30/2003	P-4	50%
Toriette	7/30/2003	P-1	22%
Toriette	7/30/2003	C-2	15%
Spur Trail	9/2/2003	C-1	10%
Johnson Basin	5/16/2003	C-4	22%
Johnson Basin	5/16/2003	C-5	15%
Johnson Basin	5/16/2003	C-6	10%
Johnson Basin	5/16/2003	P-2	22%
Bear Canyon	9/29/2003	P-3	14%

Two key areas exceeded allowable use rates during the 2003 grazing season. Please observe and distribute use away from those areas during the 2004 grazing season.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2004 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, improvement maintenance discussed included:

1. 5 replacement troughs to be provided by the district for pipeline maintenance

New improvements discussed included:

1. Cattle guards at end of Spur Trail in fence #6036, and close to Big Flat Tank on FS road 3022 in fence #6020.

Actual Use:

The actual use for the 2003 grazing season was 3770 AM's. For your reference the 10-year actual use average for this allotment has been 4121 AM's.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please call John Pierson or Collin Ewing at (505) 773-4678.

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