

Alamocita Allotment Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2006 Annual Operating Instructions
(12/16/05)

Permittee: Pierson Ranch, L. L. C.

Permit Number: 06-606

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

PERMITTED	FROM	TO	TYPE
50 Cow/Calf	3/1	2/28	Term Permit

2006 Annual Validation:

AUTHORIZED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
0 Cow/Calf	3/1/05	2/28/06	Term Permit

2006 Grazing Schedule:

Pierson Ranch L.L.C. plans to take total non-use for personal convenience for the next three years (2006, 2007, and 2008).

Grazing Restriction:

The following grazing restriction will apply as it did in 2005.

No salt, mineral or supplement feed may be placed within Alamocita and Spike canyon within Township 3 south, Range 14 west sections 29 and portions of sections 24, 28 and 36, from February 1 to August 31. No concentration of livestock, i.e., corral use, traps or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is allowed.

The purpose of these restrictions is to mitigate impacts on wildlife.

Allowable Use:

The 1995 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice established allowable use levels at 40%.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Utilization monitoring will continue on key areas. Forest Service personnel will monitor key areas where allowable use levels were exceeded last year at the midpoint of the planned use periods. At a minimum, forest personnel will also monitor key areas within two weeks before or after livestock leave a pasture. The percentage of grazing utilization will be determined at that time. The following dates have been scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels. In order to eliminate overuse on key areas, monitoring will be conducted during the midpoint of the scheduled use periods for each pasture. If utilization levels are approaching allowable use levels, livestock will be required to be moved to areas within the pasture that are not approaching allowable use levels. In the event, areas within the

pasture are not available livestock will be moved to the next scheduled pasture.. I cannot stress the importance of complying with the established allowable use levels.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas 2005:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Southfork	3/21/05	C-3	18%	Canyon	4/28/05	C-2	1%
Canyon	4/12/05	C-5	20%	Canyon	4/28/05	C-4	18%
Canyon	4/12/05	P-2	20%	North	7/06/05	P-3	34%
Canyon	4/28/05	C-5	22%	North	7/06/05	P-4	10%
Canyon	4/28/05	P-2	19%	Southfork	8-04/05	C-3	2%
Canyon	4/28/05	C-1	15%				

Monitoring results from 2005 indicated utilization did not exceed allowable use levels in the pastures that were monitored. The permittee has asked for ideas on management and upon understanding the concepts, has implemented measures that have aided greatly in the overall management of the grazing resource.

Elk use has been a contributing factor in exceeding allowable use levels for years on this allotment. I understand the competition issue for forage between livestock and wildlife. This is a difficult balance to manage and my responsibility lies in managing livestock grazing on public lands. Hopefully we can work together to manage livestock within this area to mitigate over utilization.

Marvin, to avoid potential non-compliance action on your permit, it is really important that you comply with the established allowable use levels this grazing season. We will continue to monitor elk use and document, however the combination of elk and livestock use must not exceed the allowable use levels.

Actual Use:

The actual use for 2005 was 572 AUM's. Your 10-year use is 515 AUM's.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2006 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment will 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.

The following improvement maintenance was identified for 2005 grazing season and may extend into 2006:

1. Cross fences #4246 need to be converted to a 4-strands in order to keep livestock from crossing from pasture to pasture.
2. Spike Canyon Seep water lot will be constructed by permittee.

Other Information:

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

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District Ranger

Date