

**West Apache Creek Annual Operating Instructions
 Quemado Ranger District
 2006 Annual Operating Instructions
 (2/11/06)**

Permittee: Burnard & Lena Milligan

Permit Number: 06-1191

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	Type
17 adult cattle	3/1	2/28	Term

2006 Annual Validation:

Authorized	From	To	Type
11 cow/calf & 1 bull	3/1/06	2/28/07	Term

Pasture Rotation: 2006:

Pasture	From	To	Livestock #	Allowable Use Growing Season	Allowable Use Riparian	Allowable Use Dormant Season
Hog Pasture	4/12/06	5/12/06	12 head	30%	25%	40%
South of Lee Russell	5/13/06	7/15/06	12 head	30%	25%	40%
West of Kerr Spring	7/16/06	8/15/06	12 head	30%	25%	40%
Mule Spring	8/16/06	9/15/06	12 head	30%	25%	40%
East of Kerr Spring	9/16/06	10/15/06	12 head	30%	25%	40%

Grazing Restriction:

The Apache Creek riparian pasture is excluded from livestock grazing at the current time. Use within this pasture will be on a case by case basis.

Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 9/23/93 established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 40% allowable use. In 2001, the allowable use guideline was amended to comply with ongoing grazing consultation to 40% allowable use during the dormant season (10/16-4/14). Allowable use levels were established for riparian woody species in Lee Russell and Kerr Canyons with no more than 25% of the riparian sprout seedlings being heavily hedged.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas: Key forage utilization monitoring will continue. Forest Service personnel will visit the key monitoring areas within two weeks before or after livestock leave a pasture. The dates that we plan to monitor on your allotment are as follows:

Pastures	Monitoring Dates
Hog	5/16/06
Lee Russell Canyon and area south of Lee Russell.	7/18/06
Kerr Canyon and area west of Kerr Canyon	8/15/06
Mule Spring	9/15/06
E. of Kerr Spring	10/18/06

Utilization Monitoring Results 2005:

Date	Key Area	Use
5/16/05	C-5	16%
7/18/05	U-1	none
7/18/05	U-2	none
8/12/05	U-4	0%
9/23/05	U-3	0%

Actual Use::

Actual use for the 2005 grazing season that you provided was calculated at 58 AM's. This equals 77 AUM's.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2006, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the permit provides this option.

Range improvements:

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

- 1.) Mule Spring – The district will provide Alan Robinson a water trough and plumbing supplies to replace the trough that was removed from the system.

Other Information:

Livestock need to be distributed to graze the upper country in order to release the grazing pressure on the bottoms. Installing a trick tank on the flat between Kerr Spring and west boundary fence would help alleviate this problem.

The District will pursue opportunities to install a trick tank between Kerr Spring and the west boundary fence. This improvement would distribute use and reduce grazing pressure within drainage bottoms. This project will be proposed to the Sikes Act Committee and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation this year.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please do not hesitate to call John Pierson at (505) 773-4678.

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