

East Demetrio Allotment Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2006 Annual Operating Instructions
(12/27/2005)

Permittee: Candelario Chavez

Permit Number: 06-1269

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

PERMITTED	FROM	TO	TYPE
40 Cow/Calf	03/01	02/28	Term Permit

2006 Annual

Validation:

AUTHORIZED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
40 Adult Cattle	3/1/2006	2/28/2007	Term Permit
5 Horses	3/1/2006	2/28/2007	

Permittee: Nicholas and Roxanne Chavez

Permit Number: 61270

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

PERMITTED	FROM	TO	TYPE
40 Cow/Calf	03/01	02/28	Term Permit

2006 Annual Validation:

AUTHORIZED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
36 Adult Cattle	3/1/2006	2/28/2007	Term Permit

Pasture Rotation: 2006

PASTURE	FROM	TO	NUMBER	Allowable Use
Chavez Mesa	1/01/06	4/15/06	All Cattle	40%
	4/16/06	6/30/06	All Cattle	35%
Harris (East)	7/01/06	10/15/06	All Cattle	35%
Harris (West)	10/16/06	12/31/06	All Cattle	40%
Largo	1/01/07	4/15/07	All Cattle	40%

Grazing Restrictions: The following grazing restriction will apply as it did in 2006. No salt, mineral or supplement feed may be placed within mixed conifer (ie. Douglas Fir, oak woodlands) in the southeast portion of the Harris Pasture above Willow Springs from February 1 to August 31 and no concentrations of livestock, i.e., corral use, traps or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is allowed.

The purpose of this is to provide measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife.

Allowable Use

In accordance with the East Demetrio Decision dated 12/13/99 the guidelines for forage utilization in key areas is 35% allowable use during growing season and 40% allowable use during dormant season. Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within a riparian area heavily hedged.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Key forage utilization monitoring will continue on areas identified on the permit map. Forest Service personnel will monitor key areas. 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.

Pasture	Monitoring date
Chavez	4/13/2006
Mesa	6/29/2006
East Harris	8/17/06 10/12/06
West Harris	11/22/06 12/22/06

2005 Utilization Monitoring Results:

Date	Pasture	Key Area	Use	Date	Pasture	Key Area	Use
4/26/05	Largo	C-2	14%	7/11/05	Largo	P-1	32%
“	“	C-5	5%	“	Largo	C-25	36%
“	“	P-1	30%	8/19/05	East Harris	P-3	3%
“	“	C-25	32%	“	East Harris	C-9	0%
7/11/05	Largo	C-2	40%	11/23/05	West Harris	P-1	38%
“	Largo	C-5	44%	“	West Harris	P-4	23%

During 2005 overuse was recorded at C-2, C-5 and C-25 in the Largo Pasture. This overuse was recorded on July 11, 2005. This pasture is scheduled for complete growing season recovery this grazing season. It is essential that utilization is in compliance with the established allowable use levels.

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. If areas within the pasture are not available livestock must be moved to the next scheduled pasture.

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.

Actual Use:

The total actual use for the 2005 grazing season was 536 AM's.

Other Information:

Alex Chavez will be contacted concerning the Forest Service/private property boundary fence issue on the stretch of fence that is located immediately south of Nick Chavez's base property.

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

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Date