

**Sanchez Allotment Annual Operating Instructions**  
**Quemado Ranger District**  
**2006 Annual Operating Instructions**  
**(11/21/05)**

**Permittee:** Eduardo Aragon

**Permit Number:** 06-1010

**Term Permitted Livestock:**

PERMITTED	FROM	TO	TYPE
34 Cow/Calf	03/1	02/28	Term Permit

**2005 Annual Validation:**

AUTHORIZED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
34 Cow/Calf	03/1	02/28	Term Permit

**Pasture Rotation 2005:**

PASTURE	FROM	TO	NUMBER	ALLOWABLE USE
South	01/01/06	05/31/06	34 cows	40%
North	06/01/06	10/31/06	34 cows	35%
South	11/01/06	02/28/06	34 cows	40%

**Grazing Restriction:**

There are no restrictions that apply to this allotment.

**Allowable Use:**

The Decision dated 12/13/99 established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 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:**

Utilization monitoring will continue on key areas. In order to insure allowable use levels are not exceeded, monitoring will be conducted during the midpoint of the scheduled use periods for each pasture. It is required that utilization is in compliance with the established allowable use levels. You are responsible for recognizing utilization levels and complying with established allowable use levels. At a minimum, forest personnel will 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 Sanchez Allotment. You are highly encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

Pasture	Monitoring Dates	Monitoring Dates
South	3/15/06	6/1/2006
North	8/15/2006	10/26/06
South	2/28/07	6/01/07

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. If the next scheduled pasture cannot be utilized due to environmental factors (winter), livestock will be removed from the allotment; until such time that livestock can be placed in the next available pasture.

**Utilization Monitoring Results 2005:**

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
South	3/17/05	C-3	24%	South	6/03/05	P-7	9%
South	3/17/05	C-4	22%	South	6/03/05	P-4	26%
South	3/17/05	P-6	19%	South	6/03/05	P-3	9%
South	3/18/05	P-1	23%	South	6/03/05	P-1	19%
South	3/18/05	P-7	23%	North	8/18/05	C-2	5%
South	3/18/05	P-4	26%	North	8/18/05	P-9	0%
South	6/02/05	C-3	0%	North	8/18/05	P-1	7%
South	6/02/05	C-4	7%	North	8/18/05	P-3	10%
South	6/02/05	P-6	19%	North	8/18/05	P-2	10%
South	6/02/05	P-1	23%	North	8/18/05	C-1	3%

The 2005 monitoring results show that none of the key areas on the allotment exceeded allowable use levels. The highest use recorded was 26%.

Water piped from Gallina Spring has aided greatly in attaining a more even utilization pattern in the North pasture. The water piped into the South pasture (also from Gallina Spring) has allowed livestock to graze the southwest portion of the pasture without having to leave to find water.

The effort keeping gates closed on Forest Road 11A, has kept cattle in the North pasture more of the time during the summer months. This has reduced the grazing pressure in the South pasture. The distribution of water has begun to make a difference to manage livestock distribution and use periods in both pastures.

**Forage Growth and Water Availability:**

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

**Range Improvements:**

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

The following improvements were discussed:

1. Three cattleguards are proposed to be installed on FR 11A to eliminate the problem of gates being left open along this road.
2. Extend pipeline approximately one quarter mile downstream from Lady's Tank and locate a water trough outside of drainage.

The District does not currently have cattleguards available, nor the funds to attain cattleguards. The District will continue to keep these projects on the program and attempt to secure funding in the future. If opportunity arises this year, the District has noted the need for cattleguards along FR 11A and will pursue opportunities to acquire cattleguards.

The archeological survey has been completed for the pipeline extension. You may **not** begin this project until approved and provided a signed permit modification. It is my understanding that the materials have been provided to you to complete this project.

In addition, you informed Joe that reconstruction on fence #4288 and heavy maintenance on Fence #4089 is needed. These concerns have been addressed with your neighboring permittees Miguel Aragon and Buck Buchanan projects on the program of work and attempt to secure funding in the future.

**Actual Use:**

408 AM's were applied for and used during 2005. This equates to 539 AUM's.

**Other Information:**

When you receive your current brand certificate, please mail a copy to the District in order that we can update your term grazing permit.

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

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Date