

Spur Lake Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2006 Annual Operating Instructions
(12/15/05)

Permittee: Marie D. Scarlett
Permit Number: 06-1148
Term Permitted Livestock:

PERMITTED	FROM	TO	TYPE
315 Cow/Calf	11/1	5/31	Term Permit
478 Cow/Calf	6/1	10/31	Term Permit
85 Cow/Calf	11/1	5/31	Pvt. Land

2006 Annual Validation:

AUTHORIZED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
258 Adult Cattle	11/1/05	5/31/06	Term Permit
403 Adult Cattle	6/1/06	10/31/06	Term Permit
258 Adult Cattle	11/1/06	5/31/07	Term Permit
85 Adult Cattle	11/1/05	5/31/06	Pvt. Land
85 Adult Cattle	11/1/06	5/31/07	Pvt. Land

Rotation 2006:

PASTURE	FROM	TO	NUMBER	Allowable Use
Simpson/Stateline	11/01/05	2/01/06	46 head	35%
Lake Marie	02/01/06	4/01/06	46 head	40%
Lower Coyote	04/01/06	05/31/06	46 head	40%
Todd Browning	11/01/05	4/15/06	14 Bulls	40%
Antelope/Canyon/Basin	11/01/05	05/31/06	283 head	35%
Antelope/Canyon/Basin	4/16/06	05/31/06	297 head	35%
Karruth/Black Peak	6/01/006	08/15/06	343 head	40%
S.A./Jenkins Creek	8/16/06	10/31/06	343 head	40%
Centerfire trap	6/01/06	6/30/06	60 head	40%
Mare/Jenks/Swapp	7/01/06	10/31/06	60 head	40%
Canovas	11/01/06	2/28/07	283 head	35%

Grazing Restriction:

The following grazing restrictions will apply as they did in your 2005 Annual Operating Plan. If you do not have a map of this restricted area please, call and we will mail you a copy of the map.

No salt, mineral or supplemental feed may be placed in this area from February 1 to August 31, 2006 and no concentrations of livestock, i.e., corral use, traps or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is allowed. Stock tank cleaning must be approved in advance prior to any activities.

Coyote Creek riparian area is excluded from livestock grazing (from the center of Section 15 downstream to the center of Section 3. This exclusion is maintained by a combination of fences and natural barriers. Coyote Creek will be monitored periodically during the season with special attention to periods when livestock grazing is scheduled in adjacent pastures.

The purpose of this restriction is to mitigate wildlife issues.

Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 12/13/99 set guidelines for forage utilization in key areas of 35% allowable use during growing season and 40% during the 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 identified key areas. Forest Service personnel will conduct monitoring within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture. Key areas will be visited by the Forest Service to determine actual grazing use by livestock/wildlife. Forest Service personnel will contact you before each monitoring visit. You are encouraged to attend and participate in all monitoring on your allotment. The dates that we plan to monitor on your allotment are as follows:

Pasture	Monitoring date
Simpson/Stateline	2/10/06
Lake Marie	3/29/06
Lower Coyote	5/17/06
Coyote Creek	5/17/06
Todd Browning	3/29/06
Antelope/Canyon/Basin	05/17/06
Antelope/Canyon/Basin	05/17/06
Karruth/Black Peak	08/09/06
S.A./Jenkins Creek	10/25/06
Mare	10/25/06

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds utilization on the uplands or heavily hedging of woody riparian plant sprouts/seedlings, livestock will be moved to another area of the pasture where actual use is less than allowable use. If all remaining key areas in the grazed pasture are at allowable use, livestock will be required to be moved early to the next scheduled pasture. This requirement is necessary to prevent overuse on forage plants. The following key areas were monitored for utilization during the 2005 grazing season.

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Lake Marie	0/14/05	U-1	11%	T. Browning	6/01/05	C-10	3%
Simpson	6/01/05	Pasture wide	0%	Jenkins Creek	8/16/05	C-9	4%
Stateline	6/01/05	P-14	0 %	Jenkins Creek	8/16/05	P-1	0%
Canyon	6/01/05	C-6	0%	Jenkins Creek	8/16/05	P-2	2%
Canyon	6/01/05	Pasture Wide	2%	SA	8/16/05	C-11	0%
Antelope	6/01/05	Pasture Wide	13%	Canovas	10/21/04	P-10	4%
Antelope	6/01/05	Pasture Wide	6%	Canovas	10/21/04	C-2	0%
		Basin	6/01/05	C-3			6%

2005 monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization; I appreciate your efforts in complying with utilization standards and management of livestock to stay within these standards.

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 grazing permit provides this option.

Range developments:

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permit will be maintained to a functional status. Please contact Stan Towner at the District office for materials (if available) and permit modifications if you recognize the need for any fence reconstruction projects.

In addition improvement maintenance discussed included:

1. Installation of three Cattle guards which will be located.
 - In Karruth Pasture near Black peak Trick tank
 - On Spur Lake/Mangitas boundary near West Jones Trough.
 - In Canyon Pasture near Karruth Pipeline.

The district will implement these projects in 2006.

Actual Use:

Actual use for the allotment was calculated from records provided during your annual validation meeting as 4243 AM's. For your reference the 10-year average is 5006 AM's.

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District Ranger

2-2-06
Date