



## Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

**Allotment:** Leggett

**Permittee:** Lloyd A. Rasmussen and Shelly D. Wicks

**Permit Number:** 61190

**Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2006:

| Authorized   | From   | To      | Allotment |
|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| 150 cow/calf | 3/1/06 | 2/28/07 | Leggett   |

Resource Protection non-use 1 cow/calf 3/1-2/28

20 Yearling 3/1-3/31 & 11/1-2/28

5 Horse 3/1-2/28

### 1. Management:

Leggett 2006 Pasture Rotation:

| Pasture                                 | Time Frame             |
|---|------------------------|
| Middle Unit/3 Section/Gordon            | 3/01-3/31 (all cattle) |
| Bull Basin/<br>Powerline/Leggett/Quarry | 4/1-8/31 (all cattle)  |
| Middle Unit/3 Section/Gordon            | 9/1-2/28 (all cattle)  |

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off of the allotment, as well as refinements that may be needed to enhance the management system. If you identify the need to differ from this management system by more than 15 days, please contact this office at least two weeks in advance so that the district has time to conduct monitoring and assess your request.

### 2. Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

The maximum allowable use levels set for the Leggett Allotment is **35%**; in addition stubble heights should not be less than an average of 3 inches on blue and hairy grama and 5 inches on side oats grams. Use of browse is not to exceed the **50%** level. Key area utilization monitoring will continue. Key areas and restricted areas (PAC's) will be visited to determine actual grazing use / seasonal use by livestock and wildlife. If utilization / seasonal utilization levels are approaching allowable use levels, livestock will be required to be removed to areas within the pasture that are not approaching allowable use levels and/or management changes will be made to the rotation schedule the following year. In the event that areas not approaching allowable use levels are not available, livestock will be removed from the allotment. In the event of over utilization, changes will be made to the following year's AOI to prevent recurring instances of over utilization. The following dates have been tentatively



scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged to participate in monitoring with district personnel and/or on your own.

| Pasture                  | Monitoring date |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Middle/3 Section         | 3/28/2006       |
| Gordon                   | 3/29/2006       |
| Bull Basin               | 8/10/2006       |
| Powerline/Leggett/Quarry | 8/17/2006       |

**3. Forage Growth and Water Availability:**

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

**4. Grazing Restriction:**

The Bull Basin and Powerline pastures include a Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Center (PAC). In this PAC the following activities are restricted during the breeding season of the Owl (March 1-August 31): livestock concentrations or trailing, fence construction, and livestock salting; routine maintenance is allowed.

**5. Range Improvements:**

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

In addition, specific maintenance discussed included:

**Fences:**

1. The permittee will finish the Twin Bridges fence #3212, please contact Collin or Jerry for materials and permit modification.
2. Several fences on the allotment are in need of heavy maintenance. The permittee has agreed to focus on rehabilitating the allotment exterior fences in 2006. Please contact Collin or Jerry for materials and permit modification.
3. The permittee proposes to rebuild a pen and chute at Twin Bridges corral.

6. **The Annual Operating Instructions** are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. They comply with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. They also comply with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the Leggett allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

This decision is subject to administrative review, pursuant to 36 CFR 251; and any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 251.90 (see enclosed copy of 36 CFR 251 regulations). In accordance with 36 CFR 251.84, if you file an appeal, I am willing to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with my decision. If you file an appeal, you

may request an oral presentation in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.97). Additionally, if you file an appeal, you may request a stay of my decision in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.91).

A notice of appeal must be filed with Marcia R. Andre, Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico, 88061-7863, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with Rogers M. Steed, District Ranger, Reserve Ranger District, at P.O. Box 170, Reserve, NM 87830.

Feel free to contact Collin Ewing or myself at (505) 533-6231 if you have any questions or problems concerning this document.

/s/Rogers M Steed  
ROGERS M. STEED  
District Ranger

1/18/2005  
Date