

**West Demetrio Allotment Annual Operating Instructions**  
**Quemado Ranger District**  
**2007 Annual Operating Instructions**  
**(12/15//2006)**

**Permittee:** Eristeo Chavez/Teresita Chavez Estate

**Permit Number:** 06-1150

**Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:**

<b>PERMITTED</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
70 Cow/Calf	03/01	02/28	Term Permit

**2007 Annual Validation:**

**Pasture Rotation: 2007**

<b>AUTHORIZED</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>PERMIT</b>
70 Adult Cattle	03/01/06	02/28/07	Term Permit

<b>PASTURE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Aspen Spring	3/01/07	04/15/07	All Cattle	40%
Holding Pasture	4/16/07	5/01/07	All Cattle	35%
Aspen Spring	5/02/07	6/01/07	All Cattle	35%
Cabin Spring	6/02/07	7/01/07	All Cattle	35%
Aspen Spring	7/02/07	9/01/07	All Cattle	35%
Holding Pasture	9/02/07	9/15/07	All Cattle	40%
Demetrio Creek	9/16/07	2/28/08	All Cattle	40%

**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 woody riparian sprouts/seedlings.

**Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:**

Monitoring of Utilization by livestock and wildlife will continue on key areas in order to insure allowable use levels are not exceeded. It is imperative 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. Forest personnel will monitor key areas within two weeks before or after livestock leave a pasture and, or at the midpoint to insure allowable use levels are not surpassed. The percentage of grazing utilization will be determined at that time. You are encouraged to participate in all monitoring on the West Demetrio allotment. The approximate dates have been scheduled below.

<b>Pasture</b>	<b>Monitoring date</b>	<b>Pasture</b>	<b>Monitoring date</b>
Aspen Spring	04/10/07	Aspen Spring	8/28/07
Holding Pasture	5/01/07	Holding	9/11/07
Aspen Spring	6/06/07	Demetrio Creek	1/23/07
Cabin Spring	6/28/07		

**2006 Utilization Monitoring Results:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Pasture</b>	<b>Key Area</b>	<b>Use</b>
4/12/06	Aspen Spring	C-7	0%
5/01/06	Holding	C-11	22%
6/05/06	Aspen Spring	C-7	4%
7/06/06	Cabin Spring	C-13	6%

I appreciate your cooperation in complying with utilization standards during the 2006 grazing season. Please continue to monitor and distribute livestock to avoid over utilization during the 2007 grazing season.

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 will 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 2007 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:**

Actual use for the 2006 grazing season was 782 AM's. For your reference the 10-year actual use average for this allotment has been 927 AM's.

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

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Date