

Luna Allotment Annual Operating Instructions

Quemado Ranger District

2007 Annual Operating Plan/Instructions

(3/02/2007)

Allotment Name: Luna
Permittee: Glen McCarty
Permit Number: 06-1146

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
226 Cow/calf	4/15	10/31	Term Permit

2007 Annual Authorization:

Authorized	From	To	Permit Type
226 Cow/calf	4/15	10/31	Term Permit

2007 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Start Date	End Date	Numbers	Allowable Use
Adair	4/15 /07	6/01/07	110 head	35%
Sawmill/Kiehne/Russell	4/15 /07	6/01/07	116 head	35%
Dave Lee(Portion of Dry Blue)	6/01	8/01	26 head	35%
Hyclark	6/02/07	8/01/07	200 head	35%
Frisco/Turner	8/02/07	10/01/07	226 head	35%
Sawmill/Swapp	10/02/07	10/31/07	226 head	35%

Riparian Pastures:

No livestock grazing will be allowed within the Stone Creek riparian pasture this grazing season. San Francisco riparian pasture will not be scheduled unless approved in advance by the range staff.

Grazing Restriction:

No livestock grazing is allowed within the Dry Blue except for the Dave Lee potion. If livestock are found in the Dry Blue riparian area Permittee will be asked to return cattle to the regular scheduled pasture. On the third occasion livestock are found in the Dry Blue riparian area, livestock will be required to be removed from the Dry Blue pasture and moved to the next scheduled pasture identified in the 2007 annual operating plan.

Allowable Use:

Proper utilization of forage plants is a necessity to maintain long term productivity of the rangeland and to protect soils from erosion. Proper utilization will maintain sufficient ground cover to prevent erosion and meet the physiological needs of key forage plants for maintenance and reproduction over the long term. Allowable use is determined from

considering proper use and all influencing factors such as grazing system, range condition, watershed condition, timing and duration of livestock use and scheduled amount of rest between use periods.

The Decision dated 12/13/99 set guidelines for forage utilization in key areas of 35% allowable use during growing season. Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25%.

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 approximate dates that we plan to monitor on your allotment are as follows

2007 Utilization Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Monitoring Date
Adair	6/01/07
Sawmill/Kiehne	6/01/07
Hyclark	7/31/07
Dave Lee/Dry Blue Riparian	7/31/07
Frisco/Turner	9/28/07
Sawmill/Swapp	10/31/07

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock reaches allowable use levels, livestock will be required to move 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.

2006 Utilization Monitoring Results:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Frisco River	5/12/06	R-9	9%	Sawmill	7/21/06	P-3	6%
Campground	6/05/06	R-49	12%	Hyclark	7/21/06	C-5	0%
Kiehne	6/26/06	P-7	2%	Hyclark	7/21/06	C-5	2%
Dry Blue	7/06/06	R-55	0%	Swapp	8/03/06	P-W	2%
Dry Blue	7/06/06	C-10	0%	Swapp	10/16/06	P-W	14%
Russell	7/12/06	C-1	2%	Swapp	10/16/06	P-3	16%
Sawmill	7/21/06	P-3	2%	Turner	11/08/06	P-W	0

2006 monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization. Please continue to observe and distribute livestock to avoid overuse on key areas. I appreciate your efforts in complying with the allowable use guideline last grazing season.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2007 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the permit provides this option.

Range Developments:

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permit will be maintained to a functional status. If you need materials for reconstruction purposes please contact Stan Towner for availability.

No new improvements were discussed this year.

Actual Use:

Actual use provided for 2006 grazing season was 1469 AM's. For your information the 10 year average is 1468 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.

/s/ John Pierson for
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District Ranger

4/09/07
Date