

Sanchez Allotment Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2007 Annual Operating Instructions
(11/15/06)

Permittee: Eduardo Aragon

Permit Number: 06-1010

Term Permitted Livestock:

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

2007 Annual Validation:

| AUTHORIZED | FROM | TO | PERMIT |
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Pasture Rotation 2007:

| PASTURE | FROM | TO | NUMBER | ALLOWABLE USE |
|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------------|
| South | 03/01/07 | 05/31/07 | cows | 40% |
| North | 06/01/07 | 10/31/07 | cows | 35% |
| South | 11/01/07 | 02/28/08 | 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 | 3/15/07 | 6/4/07 |
| North | 8/15/07 | 10/24/07 |
| South | 3/15/08 | 6/01/08 |

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 2006:

| Pasture | Date | Key Area | Use | Pasture | Date | Key Area | Use |
|---------|---------|----------|-----|---------|---------|----------|-----|
| South | 6/20/06 | C-3 | 26% | South | 6/21/06 | P-4 | 14% |
| South | 6/20/06 | C-4 | 21% | North | 8/24/06 | P-9 | 0% |
| South | 6/20/06 | P-6 | 36% | North | 8/24/06 | C-2 | 0% |
| South | 6/20/06 | P-5 | 27% | North | 8/24/06 | C-1 | 0% |
| South | 6/20/06 | P-7 | 14% | North | 8/24/06 | P-3 | 0% |
| South | 6/21/06 | P-3 | 14% | North | 8/30/06 | P-2 | 0% |
| South | 6/21/06 | P-1 | 21% | North | 8/30/06 | P-1 | 0% |

The 2006 monitoring results show that one key area (P-6) in the south pasture of the allotment exceeded the allowable use level by one percentage point. The highest use recorded was 36%.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2007, 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.

Carrejo Tank is an improvement needing maintenance during 2007.

Actual Use:

408 AM's were applied for and used during 2006. This equates to 539 AUM's.

Other Information:

All of the improvements on the allotments have been maintained to a satisfactory condition. This includes fences, water troughs, water lines, etc.

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

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December 19, 2006
Date