

West Sand Flat Allotment Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2007 Annual Operating Instructions
(12/08/06 & 12/13/06)

Permittee: Lucille Milligan Lumpkin and Steve Lumpkin;
Aurora & Justiniano Kline

Permit Number: 06 – 1113 & 06 – 1117

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Milligan			
Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
15 cow/calf	3/1	5/30	Term
15 cow/calf	9/1	2/28	Term

Kline			
Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
15 cow/calf	1/1	2/28	Term
15 cow/calf	3/1	4/15	Term
55 cow/calf	4/16	5/31	Term
55 cow/calf	6/1	8/31	Term
55 cow/calf	9/1	11/30	Term
15 cow/calf	12/1	12/31	Term

2007 Annual Validation:

Authorized
Same as Permitted Above

Pasture Rotation 2007 Lumpkin

PASTURE	FROM	TO	NUMBER	ALLOWABLE USE
Kline Tank Area	REST	REST	0 Cattle	N/A
Negrito	3/01/07	4/15/07	15 head	35%
Tularosa/Negrito	4/16/07	5/31/07	15 head	35%
Private Lands	6/1/07	8/31/07	15 head	N/A
Apache Mountain	9/1/07	11/30/07	15 head	35%
Tularosa	12/1/07	2/28/08	15 head	35%

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Tularosa/Negrito	6/1/07	8/31/07	55 head	35%
Apache Mountain	9/1/07	11/30/07	55 head	35%
Private Lands	12/1/07	2/28/08	55 head	N/A
Negrito	12/1/07	2/28/08	15 head	35%

Grazing Restriction:

The Tularosa Gauging station is excluded from livestock use yearlong. The purpose of this restriction is to provide measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife.

Allowable Use:

The 1995 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 35% allowable use

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Utilization monitoring will continue on key areas. Forest Service personnel will monitor key areas where allowable use levels were exceeded last year at the midpoint of the planned use periods. Forest personnel will also 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 allotment. You are highly encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

Pasture	Monitoring Dates	Monitoring Date
Kline Tank Area	4/12/07	9/03/07
Negrito	5/8/07	12/31/07
Tularosa/Negrito	10/2/07	7/13/07
Apache Mountain	2/1/07	11/1/07
Tularosa		4/16/08

If utilization levels are approaching allowable use levels, in the areas that are grazed, 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 next scheduled pasture.

2006 Utilization Monitoring Results:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Negrito	5/11/06	C-5	26%	Tularosa	9/12/06	C-2	0%
Tularosa	“	C-2	31%	Negrito	9/13/06	P-1	0%
Negrito	5/15/06	P-1	0%	Negrito	9/13/06	C-4	0%
Negrito	5/15/06	C-4	14%	Tularosa	9/13/06	C-5	0%
Kline Area	5/12/06	C-1	2%	Apache Mtn.	10/17/06	P-4	0%
Kline Area	5/12/06	U-1	17%	Apache Mtn.	10/17/06	P-3	9%
Kline Area	9/12/06	C-1	0%	Apache Mtn.	10/17/06	P-2	3%
Kline Area	9/12/06	U-1	0%				

Over use was not recorded at any of the areas that were monitored during 2006. The Kline Area located between Cottonwood and Kline Tanks was given a complete rest during the 2005 and 2006 grazing seasons. I appreciate your attention to complying with allowable use levels during 2006.

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 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.

Negrito Spring needs heavy maintenance; Steve Lumpkin will conduct work and provide a new spring box and trough. The private landowner would rather materials not be hauled through his private property. During 2007 Joe plans to spend a couple of days working with Steve to develop that water.

Mr. Lumpkin also plans to reconstruct a second portion of fence no. 4357 during the 2007 summer months.

Actual Use:

Actual use for the 2006 grazing season was 158 AM's for Lumpkins and 280 AM.'s for Klines for a total of 438A.M.'s. 438 A.M.'s x 1.32 (animal unit factor) = 578 Aum's.

Other Information:

All items on the Grazing Permit improvement list were reviewed and verified as being in satisfactory condition, except for fence no. 4357. Steve Lumpkin will reconstruct the fence in phases.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact John Pierson or Joe Giron at (505) 773-4678.

/S/ John Pierson (for)
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District Ranger

December 19, 2006
Date