

**East Apache Creek
Quemado Ranger District
2008 Annual Operating Instructions
(1/17/2008)**

Permittee: Ysidoro Mendoza

Permit Number: 61191

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	Type
113 adult cattle	3/1	2/28	Term

2008 Annual Validation:

Authorized	From	To	Type
53 adult cattle	3/01/08	2/28/08	Term

2008 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Livestock	Allowable Use
Red Steer	3/01/08	4/15/08	53 head	40%
Red Steer	4/16/08	4/30/08	53 head	30%
Southeast	5/01/08	7/31/08	53 head	30%
North	8/01/08	8/31/08	53 head	30%
North	9/01/08	10/15/08	53 head	30%
Highway	10/16/08	2/28/09	53 head	40%

Non-Use:

Our records indicate that your allotment has been in partial personal convenience non-use since 2005. As per FSM 2231.61 (Gila Supp #23), I am informing you that you have incurred 3 years of Personal Convenience Non-Use. In order to maintain full permitted numbers you are required to stock up to 90% of the permitted numbers by the 4th year (2009). If you do not stock to within 90% of the permitted numbers at any time during the 2009 grazing season the permit can be reduced to the highest number stocked in the previous 3 years. I realize that you have been attempting to stock your allotment using replacement heifers. If you foresee that stocking to 90% in 2009 will not be possible, I would encourage you to visit with Stan Towner and Joe Giron at the earliest possible time regarding stocking alternatives.

Grazing Restriction:

Livestock grazing is not to occur in the Red Steer and Chaddick water points from 4/1 to 11/1. The purpose of this restriction is to comply with the current consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 9/29/93 established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 40% allowable use. The allowable use guideline was amended, in 2001, to comply with on going grazing consultation to 40% allowable use during the dormant season (10/16-4/14) and 30% allowable use during the growing season (4/21-10/15) annually.

In addition allowable use levels were established for riparian woody species with no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within riparian areas. These riparian areas include Whiskey Creek, Red Steer Canyon, Apache Creek, Banta Spring, Owl Spring Canyon and the Tularosa (Chaddick) trap.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Utilization monitoring will be conducted on key areas. Forest Service personnel will monitor key areas at the midpoint of the planned use periods. At a minimum, 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.

2008 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Monitoring Dates	Pasture	Monitoring Dates
Red Steer	4/21/08 and 5/05/08	Owl Water	8/04/08
Southeast.	6/05/08 and 8/04/08	Apache Ceek	8/04/08
North	9/04/04 and 10/17/08	Whiskey Creek	10/21/08
Highway	12/29/08 and 2/28/09	Chaddicks	2/28/09
Red Steer	5/05/08		

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 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 2007:

Date	Pasture	Key Area	% Use	Date	Pasture	Key Area	% Use
4/18/07	Red Steer	C-3	5%	7/17/07	Southeast	C-1	7%
4/18/07	Red Steer	C-2	0%	8/20/07	Red Steer	C-2	7%
7/17/07	Southeast	P-1	10%	8/20/07	Red Steer	C-3	0%
7/17/07	Southeast	P-2	14%				

During the 2007 season utilization levels were below allowable use levels. The North Pasture was not used during 2007. During 2007 the north pasture is scheduled for livestock grazing.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2008, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment will be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the permit provides this option.

Range Improvements:

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

The following improvements were discussed for 2008:

- As per the EQIP contract with NRCS, a pump, 2 troughs and associated pipe will need to be installed on the new water system at Banta Spring by 2009.

Actual Use:

Actual use data provided to the District was calculated at 750 AM's for the 2007 grazing season.

Other Information:

I encourage you to notify the District upon discovery of any livestock carcasses. If a carcass is within an area currently occupied by gray wolves, carcass removal or treatment may assist in mitigation of livestock/wolf interaction, and wolf habituation to livestock as a food source.

A map concerning travel management will be supplied to you for comments. If you have any questions regarding the travel management rule please contact the District office.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please do not hesitate to contact Stan Towner at (505) 773-4678.

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4-18-08
Date