

**West Apache Creek
 Quemado Ranger District
 2008 Annual Operating Instructions
 (12/17/07)**

Permittee: Burnard & Lena Milligan

Permit Number: 61191

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

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

2008 Annual Validation:

Authorized	From	To	Type
15 adult cattle	3/1/07	2/28/08	Term

Pasture Rotation 2008:

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Hog	3/12/08	5/12/08	15 head	30%
Kerr	5/12/08	9/15/08	15 head	30%
Apache Creek riparian	9/15/08	10/01/08	15 head	30%
Private land	10/01/08	2/28/09	15 head	N/A

Grazing Restriction:

Please contact Joe Giron or Stan Towner at the District office for concurrence to use the Apache Creek riparian pasture prior to entering the pasture on 9/15/08.

Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 9/23/93 established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 40% allowable use. In 2001, the allowable use guideline was amended to comply with ongoing grazing consultation to 30% allowable use during growing season (4/15- 10/15), and 40% allowable use during the dormant season (10/16-4/14). Allowable use levels were established for riparian woody species in Lee Russell and Kerr Canyons with no more than 25% of the riparian sprout seedlings.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Utilization monitoring will be conducted on key areas. District personnel will monitor key areas at a mid point and/or two weeks before or after livestock are moved off the Pasture. The percentage of grazing utilization will be determined at the time of monitoring. Please note the following dates that are scheduled for monitoring on the West Apache Creek Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

Dates of monitoring for 2008:

Pastures	Monitoring Dates	Pastures	Monitoring Dates
Apache Creek Riparian Pasture	3/27/08	Kerr Canyon and area west of Kerr Canyon	8/11/08
Hog	5/15/08	Mule Spring	9/17/08
Lee Russell Canyon and area south of Lee Russell.	7/17/08	Finishing Pasture	10/20/08

Monitoring Results for 2007:

Date	Key Area	Use	Date	Key Area	Use
5/15/07	C-5	16%	7/26/07	U-1	16%
7/26/07	U-4	10%	9/28/07	U-3	0%
7/26/07	U-2	34%			

Actual Use:

Actual use data provided to the District was calculated at 48 AM's for the 2007 grazing season.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2008, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may 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.

- 1.) Contact Joe Giron for the proper paperwork and availability of materials to replace the trough and plumbing at Mule Spring.

Other Information:

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.

I encourage you to notify the District upon discovery of any livestock carcasses. If a carcass is within an area that is 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.

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

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District Ranger

4-18-08
Date