

**Centerfire Allotment Annual Operating Instructions**  
**Quemado Ranger District**  
**2008 Annual Operating Instructions**  
**(01/10/2008)**

**Permittees:** FKP LLC and Don Patterson

**Permit Number:** 061236 and 061276

**Term Permitted Livestock**

	<b>Permitted</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Type</b>
FKP	81 Cattle Cow/calf	3/1	2/28	Term
Patterson	30 Cattle Cow/calf	3/1	2/28	Term

**Authorized Livestock**

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FKP	81 Cattle Cow/calf	3/1	2/28	Term
Patterson	30 Cattle Cow/calf	3/1	2/28	Term

**Pasture Rotation: 2008**

<b>PASTURE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Section/Campbell	3/01/08	3/31/08	Cows/calves	30%
Bastion	3/01/08	6/15/08	Bulls	20%
Bishop	4/01/08	6/15/08	Cows/calves	30%
S.A.	6/16/08	7/31/08	Cows/calves	30%
Black Gap	8/01/08	11/01/08	Cows/calves	30%
Funderburg	11/01/08	11/15/08	Cows/calves	30%
Freeman	11/16/08	2/28/09	Cows/calves	20%
Dillon West	11/16/08	2/28/09	Bulls	30%

S.A. #1, S.A. #2, Pinpoint 40, Centerfire #1, and Centerfire #2 - May enter these pastures only to trail livestock. No overnight stays will be allowed without prior approval from the District.

**Grazing Restriction:**

Grazing restrictions apply as shown on your allotment map provided to you in 2006. If you need another copy contact Stan Towner at the District Office. The restrictions are as follows:

No salt, mineral or supplemental feed may be placed within the identified areas in the Bishop Canyon pasture from February 1 through August 31 and no concentration of

livestock, i.e. corral use, traps, or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is permitted.

**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. Proper use and allowable use rates on riparian woody species is 25%. Allowable use guidelines vary from 20% to 30% by pasture on herbaceous forage species.

**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. Forest Service personnel may also conduct monitoring at the midpoint of the scheduled use period of a pasture. Key areas will be visited by the Forest Service to determine actual grazing use by livestock/wildlife. You are encouraged to attend and participate in all monitoring on your allotment. The approximate monitoring schedule on your allotment is as follows:

Pasture	Monitoring date	Pasture	Monitoring date
Section/Campbell	3/21/09	Black Gap	11/04/09
Bastion	6/17/09	Funderburg	11/14/09
Bishop	6/17/09	Freeman	2/28/09
S.A.	7/31/09	Dillon West	2/28/09

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 allowable use standards are met in the remainder of the pastures it may be necessary to remove livestock from the allotment until conditions are adequate.

**Utilization Monitoring Results 2007:**

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Section	4/02/07	P-4	6%	SA	7/26/07	P-W	4%
Campbell	4/02/07	P-W	10%	SA	7/26/07	P-W	2%
Bastion	6/27/07	P-2	0%	Bishop	6/27/07	P-1A	14%

2007 monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization. I appreciate your efforts in complying with the allowable use guidelines this past grazing season. Please continue to observe and distribute livestock to comply with allowable use levels on key areas.

**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 Developments:**

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

In addition the developments that need to be completed include:

1. Pinpoint 40 water point. Please contact Stan for materials and permit modification.
2. The following water lots will be constructed in accordance with the Decision Notice dated 09/10/2003, by the end of calendar year 2008. Construction will be conducted by the permittees (27% Patterson 73% FKP).
  - a. Freeman Tank Waterlot #303012
  - b. Whiting Tank Waterlot #303013
  - c. Centerfire Tank #1 water lot #303014
  - d. Centerfire Tank #2 water lot #303015

Fence materials are available to complete these projects. Please contact Stan Towner to discuss availability when ready to begin projects.

**Actual Use:**

The actual use calculated for FKP was 964 AM's and 357 AM's for Patterson, for a total of 1321 AM's for the 2006 grazing season. The ten year average actual use for this allotment has been calculated to be 1750 AM's.

**Other Information:**

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 the Annual Operating Instructions, please call Stan Towner at (505) 773-4678.

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**Date**