

East Demetrio Allotment Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2008 Annual Operating Instructions
(12/21/2007)

Permittees: Candelario Chavez; Nicholas E. and Roxanne Chavez

Permit Number: 61269 and 61270

**Term Permitted
Livestock Numbers:**

Permittee	Permitted	From	To	Type
Candelario	40 Cow/calf	03/01	02/28	Term
Nicholas	40 Cow/calf	03/01	02/28	Term

2008 Annual Validation:

Permittee	Authorized	From	To
Candelario	27 cow/calf 4 Horses	03/01/08	02/28/09
Nicholas	34 cow/calf	03/01/08	02/28/09

2008 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Number	Allowable Use
Chavez	3/01/08	4/15/08	All Cattle	40%
Chavez	4/16/08	6/30/08	All Cattle	35%
West Harris	7/01/08	10/15/08	All Cattle	35%
East Harris	10/16/08	12/31/08	All Cattle	40%
Largo	1/01/09	2/28/09	All Cattle	40%

Non-Use:

Our records indicate that this is your 2nd year of partial personal convenience non-use. As per FSM 2231.61 (Gila Supp #23), in order to maintain full permitted numbers you are required to stock up to 90% of the permitted numbers by the 4th year (2010). If you do not stock to within 90% of the permitted numbers at any time during the 2010 grazing season the permit can be reduced to the highest number stocked within the previous 3 years (2007-2009). If you foresee that fully stocking in 2010 will not be possible, I would encourage you to visit with Stan Towner as soon as possible.

Grazing Restrictions:

The following grazing restriction will apply as it did in 2007. No salt, mineral or supplement feed may be placed within mixed conifer (i.e. Douglas Fir, oak woodlands) in the southeast portion of the Harris Pasture above Willow Springs from February 1 to August 31 and no concentrations of livestock, i.e., corral use, traps or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is allowed. The purpose of this is to provide measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife.

Allowable Use:

In the Decision dated 12/13/99 the guidelines for forage utilization in key areas is 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 riparian areas.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Key forage utilization monitoring will continue on identified key areas. Forest Service personnel may conduct monitoring at midpoint and/or within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture. Key areas will be visited by the Forest Service to determine actual grazing use by livestock/wildlife. Forest Service personnel will contact you before each monitoring visit. You are encouraged to attend and participate in all monitoring on your allotment. The approximate dates that we plan to monitor on your allotment are as follows:

Pasture	Monitoring dates	
Chavez Mesa	4/14/2008	6/30/2008
West Harris	8/20/08	10/09/08
East Harris	11/14/08	12/22/08

2007 Utilization Monitoring Results:

Date	Pasture	Key Area	Use	Date	Pasture	Key Area	Use
5/03/07	Largo	C-2	0%	8/24/07	East Harris	C-9	10%
5/03/07	Largo	C-5	7%	8/24/07	East Harris	P-3	8%
5/03/07	Largo	P-1	16%	8/24/07	West Harris	P-1	3%
5/03/07	Largo	C-25	3%	8/24/07	West Harris	P-4	8%

On November 9, 2007 Joe Giron, Nicholas Chavez, and Stan Towner visited the East portion of the Harris pasture, and discussed the heavy use that occurred there during the 2007 grazing season. I encourage you to monitor utilization levels and distribute livestock within the pasture to avoid risk of over utilization. If all areas in a pasture are approaching utilization standards, livestock will be required to move to the next scheduled pasture.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

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

Range Developments:

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

Actual Use:

The total actual use for the 2007 grazing season was:

Nicholas Chavez - 408 AM's which equal 539 AUM's.

Candelario Chavez - 269 A.M's which equal 337 AUM'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.

Please review the allotment maps provided to you concerning the Travel Management rule proposed action, if you have any comments notify the District and we will consider your remarks and make the appropriate changes.

As Nick and I discussed on February 7, 2008, District personnel will complete the NEPA analysis one year after the well location has been confirmed with Stan.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please contact Stan Towner at (505) 773-4678.

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District Ranger

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Date