

Gallo Mountain Allotment
 Quemado Ranger District
 2008 Annual Operating Instructions
 (4/10/08)

Permittee: Skousen Ranch Inc. and the Plateau Partnership

Permit Number: 61312, and 61312-PVT

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	AUMs	Type
433 yearlings	5/15/08	10/15/08	1667	Term
17 yearlings	5/15/08	10/15/08	60	PVT

2008 Annual Authorization:

Authorized	From	To	AUMs	Type
433 yearlings	5/15/08	10/15/08	1232	Term
17 yearlings	5/15/08	10/15/08	60	PVT

2008 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Upper Mallet	5/15/08	7/15/08	120	35%
Lower Mallet	7/15/08	10/15/08	120	35%
Negro Spring	5/15/08	8/15/08	213	35%
Headwater	8/15/08	10/15/08	213	35%
Private/Gallito	5/15/08	10/15/08	100	35%

Grazing Restrictions:

No current restrictions apply to this allotment.

Allowable Use:

The 1999 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice identified 35% as the maximum allowable utilization by grazing animals.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

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 to determine actual grazing use by livestock/wildlife. 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.

2008 Utilization Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Monitoring date	Pasture	Monitoring date
Upper Mallet	7/01/08	Headwater	10/07/08
Lower Mallet	10/07/08	Private/Gallito	8/05/08-10/07/08
Negro Spring	8/06/08		

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds utilization on the upland or woody riparian plants, livestock will be moved to another area of the pasture where actual use is less than allowable use. If all remaining key areas in the grazed pasture are at allowable use, livestock will be required to be moved early to the next scheduled pasture. This requirement is necessary to prevent overuse on forage plants

2007 Monitoring results:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Gallito	9/13/07	P-1	19%	Headwater	10/11/07	P-2	11%
Gallito	9/13/07	PW	<10%	Headwater	10/11/07	P-3	9%
Negro Spring	7/25/07	C-6	20%	Lower Mallet	10/11/07	PW	<15%
Negro Spring	7/25/07	PW	<20%				

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

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

Actual Use:

Actual use for the 2007 grazing season was calculated at 2165AM's or 1516 AUM's for 5 months. For your reference the 10-year actual use average for this allotment is 1001 AM's.

Range Developments:

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

No new range improvements have been identified for the 2008 grazing season.

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 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.

As discussed trend analysis monitoring will begin later this summer on your allotment, you are welcome to assist if you would like.

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