

Luna Allotment

Quemado Ranger District

2008 Annual Operating Instructions

(2/28/2008)

Allotment Name: Luna

Permittee: Glen McCarty

Permit Number: 61146

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
226 Cow/calf	4/15/08	10/31/08	Term Permit

2008 Annual Authorization:

Authorized	From	To	Permit Type
226 Cow/calf	5/15/08	10/31/08	Term Permit

2008 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Start Date	End Date	Numbers	Allowable Use
Sawmill/Kiehne/Russell	5/15 /07	6/15/07	226 head	35%
Swapp	6/15/08	7/01/08	226 head	35%
Hyclark	7/01/08	8/01/08	226 head	35%
Turner	8/01/08	9/01/08	226 head	35%
Sawmill/Kiehne/Russell	9/01/08	10/31/08	226 head	35%

If you plan to stock the Alpine allotments, please notify Stan as soon as possible to amend these Annual Operating Instructions.

Riparian Pastures:

No livestock grazing will be allowed within the Stone Creek riparian pasture this grazing season. San Francisco riparian pasture will not be scheduled unless approved in advance by the range staff.

Grazing Restriction:

No livestock grazing is allowed within the Dry Blue except for the Dave Lee portion. If livestock are found in the Dry Blue riparian area Permittee will be asked to return cattle to the regular scheduled pasture. On the third occasion livestock are found in the Dry Blue riparian area, livestock will be required to be removed from the Dry Blue pasture and moved to the next scheduled pasture identified in the 2008 annual operating plan.

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.

The Decision dated 12/13/99 set guidelines for forage utilization in key areas of 35% allowable use during growing season. Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25%.

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. 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

2008 Utilization Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Monitoring Date
Sawmill/Kiehne/Russell	6/01/07
Swapp	6/26/08
Hyclark	7/24/08
Turner	8/22/08
Sawmill/Kiehne/Russell	10/23/08

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock reaches allowable use levels, livestock will be required to move 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.

2008 Utilization Monitoring Results:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Adair	6/01/07	P-8	4%	Hy-Clark	7/16/07	C-5	<5%
Sawmill	6/01/07	P-3	2%	Dave Lee (Portion of Dry Blue)	8/09/07	P-W	<5%
Sawmill	6/01/07	C-2	2%	Frisco	9/28/07	C-4	14%
Kiehne	6/01/07	P-7	2%	Frisco	9/28/07	C-4	14%
Hy-Clark	7/16/07	P-5	<5%	Turner Peak	9/28/07	P-W	<10%

I appreciate your efforts in notifying the Stan with concerns of utilization standards last grazing season. Please continue to monitor and distribute livestock to prevent exceeding utilization standards.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2008 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may 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. If you need materials for reconstruction purposes please contact Stan Towner for availability.

No new improvements were discussed this year.

Actual Use:

Actual use provided for 2008 grazing season was 1243 AM's. For your information the 10 year average is 1181 AM's.

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.

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

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Date