

Sanchez Allotment Annual Operating Instructions
Quemado Ranger District
2008 Annual Operating Instructions
(12/05/07)

Permittee: Eduardo Aragon

Permit Number: 61147

Term Permitted Livestock:

PERMITTED	FROM	TO	TYPE
34 Cow/Calf	03/01	02/28	Term Permit

2008 Annual Validation:

AUTHORIZED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
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Pasture Rotation 2008:

PASTURE	FROM	TO	NUMBER	Allowable Use
South	01/01/08	05/31/08	34	40%
North	06/01/08	10/31/08	34	35%
South	11/01/08	12/31/08	34	40%

Grazing Restriction:

There are no restrictions that apply to this allotment.

Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 12/13/99 established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 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 a riparian area heavily hedged.

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. 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	Monitoring Dates
South	3/12/08	6/4/08
North	8/13/08	10/23/08

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds utilization on the uplands or heavily hedging of woody riparian plant sprouts/seedlings, 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.

Utilization Monitoring Results 2007:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
South	3/14/07	P-3	2%	South	6/14/07	P-6	28%
South	3/14/07	P-1	2%	South	6/14/07	P-5	30%
South	3/14/07	P-4	5%	South	6/14/07	P-7	27%
South	3/15/07	C-3	28%	North	8/21/07	P-9	0%
South	3/15/07	C-4	54%	North	8/21/07	C-2	0%
South	3/15/07	P-6	10%	North	8/21/07	C-1	8%
South	3/15/07	P-5	21%	North	8/21/07	P-2	0%
South	3/15/07	P-7	17%	North	8/21/07	P-3	0%
South	6/05/07	P-3	10%	North	8/21/07	P-1	0%
South	6/05/07	P-1	16%	North	10/26/07	P-1	32%
South	6/05/07	P-4	5%	North	10/26/07	P-3	27%
South	6/14/07	C-3	22%	North	10/26/07	C-2	22%
South	6/14/07	C-4	2%	North	10/26/07	P-9	0%

The 2007 monitoring results show that one key area (C-4) in the south pasture of the allotment exceeded the allowable use level. The over use in this area was attributed to wildlife, as no livestock were present in this portion of the pasture at that time.

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© of the grazing permit provides this option.

Range Improvements:

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

Actual Use:

Actual use data provided to the District was calculated at 320 AM's for the 2007 grazing season. For your reference the 10-year actual use average for this allotment is 506 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.

Thank you for the comments you provided to the District regarding travel management. We will consider your remarks and make the appropriate changes. If you have any further questions regarding the travel management rule please contact the District.

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