

**West Sand Flat Allotment
 Quemado Ranger District
 2008 Annual Operating Instructions
 (12/12/07 & 1/04/08)**

Permittee: Lucille Milligan Lumpkin and Steve Lumpkin;
 Aurora & Justiniano Kline

Permit Numbers: Lumkin-61189
 Kline-61265

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Lumpkin	Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
	15 Cow/calf	03/01	5/30	Term
15 Cow/calf	9/01	2/28	Term	

Kline	Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
	15 Cow/calf	03/01	4/15	Term
	74 Cow/calf	4/16	5/31	Term
	59 Cow/calf	6/01	8/31	Term
	74 Cow/calf	9/01	11/30	Term
15 Cow/calf	12/01	2/28	Term	

2008 Annual Authorization:

AUTHORIZED
Same as Permitted

Pasture Rotation 2008 - Lumpkin

PASTURE	FROM	TO	NUMBER	ALLOWABLE USE
Kline Tank Area	REST	REST	0 Cattle	35%
Negrito	3/01/08	4/15/08	15 head	35%
Tularosa/Negrito	4/16/08	5/31/08	15 head	35%
Private Lands	6/1/08	8/31/08	15 head	N/A
Apache Mountain	9/1/08	11/30/08	15 head	35%
Tularosa	12/1/08	2/28/09	15 head	35%

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Private Lands	12/1/08	2/28/09	55 head	N/A
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Grazing Restriction:

The Tularosa Gauging station is excluded from livestock use yearlong. The purpose of this restriction is to provide measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife.

Allowable Use:

The 1995 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 35% allowable use

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

Utilization monitoring will continue on key areas. Forest Service personnel will monitor key areas where allowable use levels were exceeded last year at the midpoint of the planned use periods. Forest personnel will also monitor key areas within two weeks before or after livestock leave a pasture. The percentage of grazing utilization will be determined at that time. The following dates have been scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

Monitoring Dates for 2008

Pasture	Monitoring Dates	Monitoring Date
Kline Tank Area	4/10/08	9/03/08
Negrito	5/8/08	`
Tularosa/Negrito	6/02/08	9/02/08
Apache Mountain	10/15/08	12/01/08
Tularosa	12/31/08	3/02/09

If utilization levels are approaching allowable use levels, in the areas that are grazed, livestock will be required to be moved to areas within the pasture that are not approaching allowable use levels. If areas within the pasture are not available, livestock will be moved to next scheduled pasture.

2007 Utilization Monitoring Results:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Tularosa	6/21/07	C-5	31%	Tularosa	9/12/07	C-4	10%
Tularosa/Negrito	6/26/07	C-2	10%	Negrito	9/13/07	P-1	0%
Tularosa/Negrito	6/26/07	P-1	0%	Negrito	9/13/07	C-4	0%
Tularosa/Negrito	6/26/07	C-4	2%	Tularosa	9/13/07	C-5	0%
Kline Area	9/11/07	C-1	0%	Apache Mtn.	11/20/07	P-3	0%
Kline Area	9/11/07	U-1	0%	Apache Mtn.	11/20/07	P-4	0%
Kline Area	9/11/07	C-2	0%	Apache Mtn.	11/20/07	P-2	0%
Tularosa	9/12/07	P-1	0%				

2007 monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization; I appreciate your efforts in management of livestock to comply with utilization standards. The Kline Area located between Cottonwood and Kline Tanks was given a complete rest during the 2005, 2006 and 2007 grazing seasons. This rest has been working very well towards improving the soil and vegetative conditions of this area.

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 will be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) 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 for the 2007 grazing season was 180 AM's for Lumpkins, and 545A.M.'s for Klins.

Other Information:

Steve Lumpkin has reconstructed approximately one quarter mile of fence no. 4357 during 2007. During 2008 Mr. Lumpkin will reconstruct another segment of fence no. 4357 east of Forest Service road no. 870. Construction will continue until Permittee maintenance responsibility is complete.

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, please do not hesitate to contact Stan Towner or Joe Giron at (505) 773-4678.

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District Ranger

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Date