

Jewett Gap
Quemado Ranger District
2015 Annual Operating Instructions
(11/14/14)

As per your Annual meeting held with Ralph Fink and Wayne Witty, please see the following instructions. Please utilize these instructions as direction for management on your grazing allotment during the 2015 Grazing Season. We appreciate your cooperation in the management of your livestock throughout the grazing year.

2015 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Demetrio Creek*	05/01/15	08/01/15	51	40%
Fox	08/02/15	08/24/15	51	40%
Gallo	08/25/15	10/01/15	51	40%
HQ	10/01/15	10/31/15	51	40%

*Due to resource concerns related to extended drought on the allotment we are authorizing you to use the Demetrio Creek pasture of the West Demetrio Allotment for the 2015 grazing season. One of the conditions to use this pasture is that you maintain the improvements associated with the pasture. We recognize that to date you have fixed fence, repaired a windmill, and fixed other components related to the drinking system. Throughout the grazing season please keep track of additional work performed on the allotment.

Grazing Restriction:

No current grazing restrictions apply to this allotment.

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 Memo dated 09/21/07 set guidelines for forage utilization in each upland key area at conservative use (30-40%) on key herbaceous forage species.

Utilization Monitoring:

Utilization monitoring will be conducted on or near key areas of your allotment. District personnel will monitor pasture use and determine utilization percentage at that time. Monitoring dates will be set according to the previous year's monitoring results. If pastures were approaching allowable use during the 2014 grazing season they will be monitored at the mid-point of the pasture use period to determine if it is necessary for

livestock to be moved to the next pasture in the rotation. Please note the following approximate dates that are scheduled for monitoring on the Jewett Gap Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2015 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Date
Demetrio Creek	08/18/15
Fox	08/27/15
Gallo	10/20/15
HQ	11/06/15

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds utilization on the uplands or 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.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2015 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.

Range Developments:

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

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please call Wayne Witty at (575) 773-4678.



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5/15/2015
Date