

Canyon Del Buey

Quemado Ranger District
2016 Annual Operating Instructions
(01/13/16)

As per your Annual meeting held with Emily Irwin and Wayne Witty, please see the following instructions. Please utilize these instructions as direction for management on your grazing allotment during the 2016 Grazing Season. We appreciate your cooperation in the management of your livestock throughout the grazing year.

2016 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Empedrado (Jara on District Map)	03/01/16	03/31/16	291	35%
Slaughter	04/01/16	07/30/16	291	35%
Canyon Del Buey	08/01/16	10/30/16	299	35%
Melquiades	11/01/16	12/10/16	299	35%
Jaramillo	12/11/16	02/28/17	299	35%
Benino	03/01/16	08/15/16	8 (bulls)	35%
Tomas	Will be used as a temporary holding pasture.			
2 Horses to be used with permit	03/01-02/28			

Grazing Restriction:

Grazing restrictions apply as shown on the allotment map provided to you with your permit. If you need an additional copy, contact the District Office. The grazing restrictions are as follows:

No salt, mineral, or supplemental feed may be placed in this area from February 1 to August 31, and no concentrations of livestock, i.e., corral use, traps or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is allowed. Stock tank cleaning must be approved in advance prior to any activities.

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 Notice dated 9/14/04 established allowable use levels at 35% on key areas for all pastures including browse species within Alambre, Boy, Tomas, and Benino pastures. Within

riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings.

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 2015 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 Canyon del Buey Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2016 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Monitoring Dates	Pasture	Monitoring Dates
Perro	N/A	Melquiades	12/13/16
Canyon del Buey	09/13/16, 11/09/16	Jaramillo	02/14/16
Benino	06/06/16, 07/12/16, 08/16/16	Empedrado	03/30/16
Slaughter	05/18/16, 07/26/16	Jara	N/A

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.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2016 grazing season; total or partial livestock removal from the allotment will 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 will be maintained to a functional status.

The following tanks have received clearances from the Archeologist. Please coordinate timing of project work with the District at least one month in advance of planned start date to ensure all appropriate paperwork is completed.

- Slaughter Mesa Tank
- Mestenio Tank

Follow up Items from AOI Meeting:

Continental Divide Trail Gates – 2 gates will be constructed along the Continental Divide Trail on the south portion of the allotment by the highway.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please do not hesitate to call Wayne Witty at (575) 773-4678.

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02/23/16
Date