

Gallo Mountain
Quemado Ranger District
2016 Annual Operating Instructions
(01/22/16)

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
Negrato	05/15/16	06/15/16	617	35%
Negrato	06/16/16	07/15/16	467	35%
Upper/Lower Mallet	06/16/16	06/30/15	150	35%
Headwater	07/01/16	10/15/16	150	35%
Bull Camp	07/16/16	10/15/16	467	35%

As in 2015, 600 head will be authorized for the Term Grazing Permit & 17 head for the Term Private Land Permit. This is in accordance with the NEPA decision dated 12/13/99 and associated Environmental Assessment (EA). Appendix B of the EA allows the option of permitting additional numbers if additional capacity has been demonstrated. In order to continue to graze the additional numbers in future years, it is imperative that utilization monitoring does not exceed the allowable use and livestock are kept in appropriate pastures.

Grazing Restrictions:

The following grazing restrictions will apply as they did in 2015 for portions within the Gallito pasture. A map displaying these areas was provided to you with your permit; if you need a new map please contact the District office.

No salt, mineral or supplemental feed may be placed in these areas 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. The purpose of this restriction is to mitigate wildlife issues.

Allowable Use:

The Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice dated 12/13/99 set guidelines for utilization of key forage species at 35% allowable use.

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 Gallo Mountain Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2016 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Monitoring Date
Negrito	07/21/16
Upper/Lower Mallet	07/21/16
Headwater	10/20/16
Bull Camp	10/20/16

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 water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2016 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 will be maintained to a functional status.

Follow up Items from AOI Meeting:

Highway Right of Way Fence: The District has contacted the highway department and they support the plan to add wooden stays to the fence. Please contact Wayne to schedule a time to transfer the materials.

Cattle Guard – The District will schedule a meeting with the Engineer Department to look at the proposed site and provide their recommendations. It will also be added to the list of projects that need clearances performed.

Negrito Pasture Division Fence – The District will research possible Categorical Exclusions to divide the pasture in response to wolf presence.

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

____/S/ Emily Irwin_____
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District Ranger

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Date