West Jewett

Quemado Ranger District
2014 Annual Operating Instructions
(02/04/14)

As per your Annual meeting held with Sara Marta, please see the following instructions. Please utilize these instructions as direction for management on your grazing allotment during the 2014 Grazing Season. We appreciate your cooperation in the management of your livestock throughout the 2014 grazing year.

2014 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Dry Lake/*Fitzgerald	06/01/14	11/15/14	50 Cattle	35%

Grazing Restrictions:
No current 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 1995 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice dated September 1st, 1995 set guidelines of forage utilization on key areas at 35% utilization by grazing animals.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:
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 2013 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 West Jewett Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2014 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Date
Dry Lake/Fitzgerald	07/29/14, 09/25/14, 11/04/14

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.

2013 Monitoring Results:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
No monitoring was conducted during the 2013 grazing year.			

Forage Growth and Water Availability:
If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2014 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.

Actual Use:
Actual use data provided to the District was calculated at 238 AM's for the 2013 grazing season.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please call Monte Topmiller or Sara Marta at (575) 773-4678.

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Acting District Ranger

3/5/14
Date