

**Agua Fria Allotment  
 Quemado Ranger District  
 2009 Annual Operating Instructions  
 (03/06/09)**

**Permittee:** Williams Ranch

**Permit Number:** 61259

**Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:**

Permitted	From	To	Type
230 adult cattle	3/1	4/1	Term
230 adult cattle	6/16	2/28	Term

**2009 Annual Authorization:**

Authorized	From	To	Permit
119 head	03/01/09	04/01/09	Term
164 head	07/15/09	10/31/09	Term
154 head	12/01/09	02/28/10	Term

**2009 Pasture Rotation:**

Pasture	Start Date	End Date	Number of Head	Allowable Use
East	03/01/09	04/01/09	119 head	40%
East	07/15/09	08/31/09	164 head	40%
Middle	08/31/09	10/31/09	164 head	40%
Middle	12/01/09	02/28/10	154 head	40%

Since 1999 private lands have been combined with the allotment and managed as one single ranch unit. On September 27, 2008 Kirk Gadzia (Range Consultant), Stan Towner, Jeff Prunty, John Pierson, and yourself reviewed the 2008 grazing season and developed a dormant season grazing plan that matches the Forest Service's 2009 grazing season (03/01/09-02/28/10). The above pasture rotation only represents the dates that cattle are scheduled to be on the Agua Fria Allotment and does not show planned cattle movements on private lands. This rotation was tentatively scheduled and is subject to change based on summer green up and forage availability. If at any time this schedule needs adjustment, please contact either Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller to discuss the change and develop an amendment to the current Annual Operating Instructions.

**Grazing Restriction:**

No restrictions currently apply to this allotment.

**Allowable Use:**

The Decision dated 09/1/95 set guidelines for forage utilization in key areas of 40% allowable use. Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within a riparian area.

**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 years monitoring results. If pastures were approaching allowable use during the 2008 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 Agua Fria Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

**2009 Monitoring Dates:**

Pasture	Date
East	08/26/09
Middle	10/30/09
Middle	02/24/10

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds utilization, livestock will be moved to another area of the pasture where actual use is less than allowable use. In the event all remaining key areas in the grazed pasture are at allowable use levels, livestock will be required to be moved to the next scheduled pasture. If all pastures are at or nearing allowable utilization, livestock will need to be moved to private lands until forage resources improve. This requirement is necessary to prevent overuse on forage plants.

**2008 Utilization Monitoring Results:**

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
East	07/14/08	P-W	8%
Middle	09/27/08	P-W	10%
West	09/27/08	C-7	8%

Monitoring results for the 2008 grazing season shows 0 accounts of over use. I appreciate your efforts in complying with the allowable use guidelines this past grazing season and ask that you continue to do so during the 2009 grazing season.

**Forage Growth and Water Availability:**

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2009 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the 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:**

The actual use provided to the District for the 2008 grazing season was 748 AM's.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please do not hesitate to contact Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller at (575) 773-4678.

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