

## Canyon del Buey

Quemado Ranger District  
2009 Annual Operating Instructions  
(03/09/09)

**Permittee:** Miguel R. & Maria Lopez de Aragon

**Permit Number:** 61271

**Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:**

Permitted	From	To	Type
344 Cattle	03/1	02/28	Term

**2009 Annual Authorization:**

Authorized	From	To	Type
286 Cattle	03/01/09	10/10/09	Term
272 Cattle	10/11/09	02/28/10	Term

**2009 Pasture Rotation:**

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Empedrado	03/01/09	04/15/09	264 head	35%
Tomas	03/01/09	06/01/09	22 Bulls	35%
Jara	04/16/09	05/17/09	264 head	35%
Perro	05/17/09	06/06/09	264 head	35 %
Canyon Del Buey	06/06/09	06/20/09	286 head	35%
Slaughter	06/20/09	09/05/09	286 head	35%
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Melquiades	10/10/09	11/30/09	272 head	35%
Alambre	11/01/09	11/30/09	**40 heifer calves	35%
Jaramillo	12/01/09	02/28/10	250 head + 40 heifer calves	35%
Benino	12/01/09	02/28/10	22 Bulls	35%

*\*\*The 40 replacement heifers will be billed at the current rate as of March 1, 2010.*

### Grazing Restriction:

Grazing restrictions apply as shown on the allotment map provided to you in 2006. 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:

The Decision dated 9/14/04 established allowable use levels at 35% during growing and dormant season 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 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 Canyon del Buey Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

### 2009 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Monitoring Dates	Pasture	Monitoring Dates
Empedrado	04/17/09	Canyon del Buey	06/16/09 & 10/05/09
Tomas	04/17/09	Slaughter	09/04/09
Jara	05/13/09	Melquiades & Alambre	11/30/09
Perro	06/16/09	Jaramillo & Benino	02/25/10

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock is at risk of exceeding utilization on the uplands or 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. If all pastures in the allotment are at allowable utilization, livestock will need to be moved to private lands. This requirement is necessary to prevent overuse on forage plants.

### 2008 Utilization Monitoring Results:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use %	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use %
Jarmillo	03/04/08	C-6	12%	Perro	06/18/08	P-5	5%
Jarmillo	03/04/08	P-4	16%	Tomas	06/18/08	C-4	2%
Jarmillo	03/04/08	P-5	4%	Canyon del Buey	07/08/08	C-7	3%
Jarmillo	03/04/08	C-4	12%	Canyon del Buey	07/08/08	P-13	7%
Jarmillo	03/13/08	C-2	3%	Canyon del Buey	07/08/08	P-24	0%
Jarmillo	03/13/08	C-5	5%	Canyon del Buey	07/08/08	P-9	0%
Boy	03/03/08	C-3	8%	Slaughter	09/02/08	P-10	9%
Benino	03/13/08	P-1	14%	Slaughter	09/02/08	P-11	2%
Empedrado	04/18/08	C-2	10%	Slaughter	09/02/08	P-15	3%
Empedrado	04/18/08	C-6	7%	Slaughter	09/02/08	P-12	2%
Empedrado	04/18/08	P-1	17%	Slaughter	09/02/08	C-10	0%
Jara	05/28/08	P-4	14%	Slaughter	09/02/08	C-11	0%
Jara	05/28/08	C-5	3%	Slaughter	09/02/08	C-8	5%
Perro	06/18/08	P-3	5%				

2008 monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization; I appreciate your efforts in management of livestock to comply with utilization standards.

**Actual Use:**

The actual use for the Canyon del Buey Allotment during 2008 was 3,445 AM's.

**Forage Growth and Water Availability:**

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2009 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 District is working with the Forest Service engineers and road crew to set a cattleguard where fence # 905018 crosses the Forest Road 11.

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

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