

El Caso Allotment
 Quemado Ranger District
 2009 Annual Operating Instructions
 (04/04/09)

Permittee: El Caso Ranches Inc. c/o Buzz and Beverly Easterling

Permit Number: 61263

Term Permitted Livestock Number:

| Permitted | From | To | Type |
|------------|------|-------|---------------|
| 393 cattle | 4/15 | 10/15 | Modified Term |

2009 Authorization:

| Authorized | From | To | Type |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| 393 cattle **P-C Non-Use | 04/15/09 | 10/15/09 | Modified Term |

** P-C = Personal - Convenience

Personal Convenience Non Use:

As discussed on April 4, 2009 with Stan Towner, your request for Personal Convenience (P-C) Non-Use for the 2009 grazing season has been granted.

As outlined in my February 9, 2007 letter to you (Attached Document), you are expected to stock (to within 90% of the permitted number) the allotment on a consistent basis. It further explains that I will not approve request for P-C Non-Use based solely on market conditions. Since you have stocked with full numbers for the past two years I have agreed to allow P-C Non-Use for the 2009 grazing season. I would remind you that the expectations outlined in my February 9, 2007 letter still apply and you are expected to stock to within 90% of the permitted number on a consistent basis starting in the 2010 grazing season.

2008 Utilization Monitoring Results:

| Pasture | Date | Key Area | Use | Pasture | Date | Owl Pac # | Use |
|----------------|----------|----------|-----|------------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| Baca | 05/02/08 | P-W | 5% | Calico | 08/11/08 | C-8 | 0% |
| West Armijo | 06/12/08 | C-5 | 2% | Sawmill | 07/21/08 | 030609004 | 1% |
| West Armijo | 06/12/08 | P-2 | 10% | Aqua Fria Rincon | 07/21/08 | 030609003 | 3% |
| Castle Rock #2 | 07/02/08 | C-2 | 1% | West Porcupine | 07/21/08 | 030609005 | 2% |
| Castle Rock #1 | 07/02/08 | U-2 | 0% | West Porcupine | 07/21/08 | 030609008 | 1% |

In 2008 monitoring was conducted at or near key areas as well as in the Owl Pac's across the allotment. Monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization.

Range Developments:

I would like to remind you that even though you were granted P-C Non-Use for the 2009 grazing season, all assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permit will be maintained to a functional status.

Actual Use:

For your records, actual use recorded for 2008 grazing season was 2377 AM's.

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

/S/ David M. Warnack For

JANICE S. STEVENSON
District Ranger

5/18/09

Date