

**Gallo Mountain Allotment  
 Quemado Ranger District  
 2009 Annual Operating Instructions  
 (2/20/09)**

**Permittee:** Skousen Ranch Inc. and the Plateau Partnership

**Permit Number:** 61312, and 61312-PVT

**Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:**

Permitted	From	To	AUMs	Type
433-662 yearlings	05/15	10/15	1866	Term
17 yearlings	05/15	10/15	60	PVT

**2009 Annual Authorization:**

Authorized	From	To	AUMs	Type
533 yearlings	05/15/09	10/15/09	1866	Term
17 yearlings	05/15/09	10/15/09	60	PVT

**2009 Pasture Rotation:**

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Headwater/Castillo/Bog	05/15/09	10/15/09	280	35%
Negro Spring	05/15/09	09/01/09	170	35%
Private	05/15/09	07/01/09	100	NA
Gallito (Bull Camp)	07/01/09	09/15/09	100	35%
Lower Mallet	09/15/09	10/15/09	100	35%
Gallito (Bull Camp)	09/01/09	10/15/09	170	35%

**Grazing Restrictions:**

No current restrictions apply to this allotment.

**Allowable Use:**

The 1999 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice identified 35% as the maximum allowable utilization by grazing animals.

**Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:**

Forage utilization monitoring will continue on or near identified key areas. Forest Service personnel will conduct monitoring within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture to determine actual grazing use by livestock/wildlife. The approximate dates that we plan to monitor on your allotment are as follows.

**2009 Utilization Monitoring Dates:**

Pasture	Monitoring Date	Pasture	Monitoring Date
Negro Spring	09/09/09	Gallito (Bull Camp)	10/14/09
Gallito (Bull Camp)	09/09/09	Headwater/Castillo/Bog	10/14/09
Lower Mallet	10/14/09		

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.

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 are at allowed utilization levels, livestock will be required to move off forest lands. These requirements are necessary to prevent overuse on forage plants.

**2008 Utilization Monitoring Results:**

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Negro Spring	08/07/08	C-3	1%	Negro Spring	08/07/08	C-6	2%
Negro Spring	08/07/08	C-5	1%	Negro Spring	08/07/08	C-1	1%
Negro Spring	08/07/08	P-2	0%	Gallito (Bull Camp)	08/07/08	U-1	0%

2008 utilization monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization; I appreciate your efforts in the management of your livestock to comply with utilization standards. Please continue to do so during the 2009 grazing season.

**Forage Growth and Water Availability:**

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2009 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.

**Actual Use:**

Actual use for the 2008 grazing season was calculated at 2,192 AM's on the forest permit and 86 AM's on the private permit. The total AM's for the Gallo Mountain Allotment for the 2008 grazing season equaled 2,278 AM's.

**Range Developments:**

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permit will be maintained to a functional status.

No new range improvements have been identified for the 2009 grazing season.

**Other Information:**

As discussed, trend analysis monitoring will begin this fall on your allotment. All attempts will be made to record trend analysis on the Uno Pino Trap prior to cattle use. You are encouraged but not required to participate in trend analysis. I appreciate you offering to help monitor and complete this trend analysis.

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

*1st. Janice S. Stevenson*  
 JANICE S. STEVENSON  
 District Ranger

*03/03/09*  
 Date