

**West Sand Flat Allotment  
 Quemado Ranger District  
 2009 Annual Operating Instructions  
 (12/12/09 & 1/04/09)**

**Permittee:** Lucille Milligan Lumpkin and Steve Lumpkin;  
 Aurora & Justiniano Kline

**Permit Numbers:** Lumkin-61189  
 Kline-61265

**Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:**

Lumpkin	Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
	15 Cow/calf	03/01	5/30	Term
15 Cow/calf	9/01	2/28	Term	

Kline	Permitted	From	To	Permit Type
	15 Cow/calf	03/01	4/15	Term
	74 Cow/calf	4/16	5/31	Term
	59 Cow/calf	6/01	8/31	Term
	74 Cow/calf	9/01	11/30	Term
15 Cow/calf	12/01	2/28	Term	

<b>2009 Annual Authorization:</b>	<b>Authorized</b>
	Same as Permitted

**2009 Pasture Rotation - Lumpkin**

Pasture	From	To	Number	Allowable Use
Sandflat	3/01/09	4/01/09	15 head	35%
Apache Mountain	4/01/09	5/31/09	15 head	35%
Private Land	6/01/09	9/01/09	15 head	35%
Sandflat	09/01/09	2/28/10	15 head	35%

**2009 Pasture Rotation - Kline**

Pasture	From	To	Number	Allowable Use
Sandflat	3/1/09	4/15/09	15 Cattle	35%
Apache Mountain	4/15/09	5/31/09	74 head	35%
Apache Mountain	5/31/09	8/31/09	59 head	35%
Sandflat	9/1/09	11/30/09	74 head	35%
Sandflat	11/30/09	2/28/10	15 head	35%

**Grazing Restriction:**

The Tularosa Gauging station is excluded from livestock use yearlong. The purpose of this restriction is to provide measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife.

**Allowable Use:**

The 1995 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 35% allowable use

**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 West Sand Flat Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

**2009 Monitoring Dates:**

Pasture	Monitoring Dates	Monitoring Date
Sandflat	4/10/09	2/15/10
Apache Mountain	8/15/09	

If utilization levels are approaching allowable use levels, livestock will be required to be moved to areas within the pasture that are not approaching allowable use levels. If areas well under utilization levels are unavailable within the pasture, livestock will be moved to next scheduled pasture. If there are no pastures that remain under utilization, livestock will be required to move to private lands.

**2008 Utilization Monitoring Results:**

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Tularosa	5/8/08	P-1	3%	Sand Flat	5/1/08	C-1	0%
Apache Mountain	5/1/08	U-1	12%	Tularosa/Negrito	7/17/08	P-1	0%

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

**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 will be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the grazing permit provides this option.

**Range Improvements:**

All assigned range developments identified in the Term Grazing Permit will be maintained to a functional status. Steve has agreed to reconstruct approximately a half mile of fence #4357. This will be a continuation of the reconstruction he has completed in 2007 and 2008. Construction will continue until Permittee maintenance responsibility is complete. Steve has also agreed to place a temporary water trough and haul water in attempts of distributing livestock to the southeast portion of the Sandflat Pasture and will remove it if utilization levels approach utilization limits.

**Actual Use:**

Actual use for the 2008 grazing season was 135 AM's for Lumpkin's, and 579 AM's for Kline's. The total AM's for the 2008 grazing system is 714 AM's.

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

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