



2009 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotments: Apache Canyon

Permittee: Darrell L. and Carolyn D. Julian

Permit Number: 61232

1. **Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2009:

Authorized	From	To	Allotment
88 cow/calf	3/1/09	5/15/09	Apache Canyon
44 cow/calf	5/16/09	6/30/09	Apache Canyon
88 cow/calf	11/1/09	2/28/10	Apache Canyon

2. **Management:**

Apache Canyon 2009 Pasture Rotation:

PASTURE	LIVESTOCK	TIME FRAME
Wilson Canyon	88 cow/calf	3/01/09-4/15/09
Apache Creek Riparian Pasture	Up to 6 Heifers	04/01/09-04/15/09
Apache Canyon 1, 2, 3 & Highway	88 cow/calf	4/16/09-5/15/2009
Apache Canyon 1, 2, 3 & Highway	44 cow/calf	5/16/09-6/30/09
Private Land	44 cow/calf	5/16/09-6/30/09
Private Land	88 cow/calf	7/01/09-10/15/09
Piney Park	88 cow/calf	10/16/09-01/15/10
Wilson Canyon	88 cow/calf	01/16/10-02/28/10
Mesa	Hospital/Rest	as needed

No Livestock are allowed within the riparian area of the Tularosa River on National Forest System Lands. Please maintain all fences and water gaps necessary to keep your cattle out of the Tularosa River on NFS lands.

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off of the allotment, as well as refinements that may be needed to enhance the management system. If you identify the need to differ from this management system by more than 15 days, please contact this office at least two weeks in advance so the District has time to conduct monitoring and assess your request.



3. Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

The maximum allowable use level set for the Apache Canyon Allotment is **35%**. Key area utilization monitoring will continue. Monitoring will be conducted within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture. If utilization levels within portions of a scheduled pasture approach allowable use, you are required to move livestock into areas not approaching allowable use. If cattle cannot be effectively managed away from areas within the pasture that have met allowable use or if utilization objectives are met throughout the pasture prior to scheduled rotation, contact District Personnel. Cattle will be moved into the next available pasture within the annual rotation. In the event that forage utilization objectives are met in all available pastures, livestock will be removed from the allotment. Management adjustments will be made to the following years Annual Operating Instructions to avoid recurring situations. The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for monitoring on the allotment. You are highly encouraged and invited to participate in monitoring with District personnel and/or on your own.

Pasture	Monitoring date
Wilson Canyon/Apache Riparian P.	04/16/2009
Apache Canyon 1, 2, 3 & Highway	05/21/2009
Apache Canyon 1, 2, 3 & Highway	07/02/2009
Piney Park	01/28/2010
Wilson Canyon	03/02/2010

4. Forage Growth and Water Availability:

Per Part 2, clause 8(c) of your Term Grazing Permit, if forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2009 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary.

5. Salt and Supplement Policy

Supplemental feeding of livestock is allowed (to strategically manage livestock distribution and forage use) as follows:

- a) Place supplements on previously disturbed areas (i.e., borrow pits) or natural bedrock outcrops when possible (supplement sites).
- b) Locate supplement sites 0.25 mile or more from waters and key areas except where prior written permission has been obtained from District Ranger.
- c) Locate supplement sites where forage is abundant and utilized less than average.
- d) Limit supplement types to non energy feeds such as salt, protein and mineral blocks.
- e) Use products that prevent the spread of noxious weeds, no feeding of hay on National Forest System Lands.

6. Range Improvements:

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

Advance planning is needed for any range improvement reconstruction or replacement, including fences and water systems to evaluate the need for any additional surveys. General maintenance/repair is excluded. Advance planning is also needed for authorized stock tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled accordingly. Please contact the district in advance if you are proposing any of this type of work.

Please protect natural springs and areas with riparian type vegetation. Drainage bottoms, creeks, springs, and cienegas, where water is available, are most susceptible to livestock concentrations.

The following range improvements were discussed and planned for this grazing season:

Fences:

1. The permittee will remove the dilapidated elk enclosure at Apache Creek, the pipe from the enclosure will be used to reconstruct the Porter well corral #6440.
2. Improvement #6034, Fence between Piney Park and Wilson needs heavy maintenance. Prior to beginning any reconstruction/replacement work please contact Jerry or Jesarey for a permit modification.

Water:

3. Permittee proposes to clean Sawmill Spring #6298 and if sufficient water is produced, the permittee will repair the spring box, and attach a pipeline (app. ¼ mile) to White Mule Spring Pipeline to supplement water from White Mule Spring. Please contact Jerry or Jesarey for available materials and permit modification.
4. Permittee and District Range Personnel will evaluate proposed storage at Porter Well and extend pipeline into 1st Apache, 2nd Apache and Highway Pasture.
5. Permittee and District Range Personnel will evaluate potential locations for erosion control structures in 2nd and 3rd Apache Canyons.

7. **The Annual Operating Instructions** are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. They comply with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

This decision is subject to administrative review, pursuant to 36 CFR 251; and any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 251.90 (see enclosed copy of 36 CFR 251 regulations). In accordance with 36 CFR 251.84, if you file an appeal, I am willing to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with my decision. If you file an appeal, you may request an oral presentation in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.97). Additionally, if you file an appeal, you may request a stay of my decision in the appeal or at any time prior to closing of the appeal record (36 CFR 251.91).

A notice of appeal must be filed with Richard E. Markley, Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico, 88061-7863, within 45 days of the date of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal must be filed simultaneously with John D. Pierson, District Ranger, Reserve Ranger District, at P.O. Box 170, Reserve, NM 87830.

Feel free to contact Aaron Baldrige or myself at (575) 533-6231 if you have any questions concerning this document.

John D. Pierson
District Ranger

Date