



2009 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotments: McCarty

Permittee: Charles and Thelma McCarty

Permit Number: 61164

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

| Authorized | From | To | Allotment |
|------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| 68 AUMs | 3/1/09 | 2/28/2010 | McCarty |

2. **Management:**

McCarty 2009 Pasture Rotation:

| Pasture | Time Frame |
|-------------------|------------|
| McCarty allotment | 3/1-2/28 |

The McCarty Allotment includes areas of the San Francisco River, Tularosa River, and Negrito Creek that are excluded from livestock grazing. Please monitor these areas regularly and promptly remove any of your livestock found.

3. **Utilization Standards and Monitoring:**

In accordance with the Decision Memo signed on 12/13/1999, the maximum allowable use level set for the McCarty Allotment is **35%** during the growing season and **45%** during the dormant season. If utilization is found to exceed **60%** at any time during the use period on any one key area monitoring site, livestock must be removed from the pasture or allotment. If the utilization exceeds the allowable use guideline for two consecutive years or any three years in a ten year period, management changes will be instituted. 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.

| Allotment | Pasture | Monitoring date |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| McCarty | Headquarters/River | 03/06/09 |
| McCarty | Lone Pine/South /Lane/Bird | 10/08/09 |
| McCarty | SF riparian enclosure | 06/17/09 |



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 the 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. Mr. McCarty proposes to reconstruct approximately ¼ mile of fence #6088. Please contact Jerry or Jesarey for materials and permit modification.
2. Drift fences #6670 & 6671 need re-evaluation by permittee and District personnel as cattle have found additional points of access into the riparian enclosure.

The Annual Operating Plan/Instructions are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. It complies with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. This AOI is in accordance with the 12/13/1999 Decision Notice for the McCarty Allotment. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the McCarty allotment. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.

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

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District Ranger

Date