



## Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

**Allotment:** T Bar

**Permittee:** Siebert Cattle Company (Term Permit)

**Permit Number:** 61330

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

Permittee	Authorized	From	To	Allotment
Siebert Cattle Company	Up to 3000 yearlings	5/15	10/15	T Bar
Siebert Cattle Company	10 Horses	5/15	10/15	T Bar

**1. Management:**

**T Bar 2009 Pasture Rotation:**

Pasture	Time Frame
7HL	05/15-10/15 up to 600 head
Loco	05/15-10/15 up to 800 head
Canyon Creek	05/15-10/15 up to 800 head
Pitchfork	05/15-10/15 up to 800 head
Negrito	05/15-10/15 up to 400 head
North Ewe Holding/South Negrito Holding, Snowlake Trap	Livestock will be placed in pasture during the time of shipping on and off of the allotment.
Bearwallow	Rest 2009 Grazing Year

No Livestock are allowed in the Snow Lake or Willow Creek Recreation areas. No livestock are allowed in the T Bar Canyon enclosure with the exception of the water points from the Loco pasture. If livestock are found in the excluded areas you will need to remove them promptly.

Please monitor use levels in T Bar Canyon along with 7HL, Negrito, Pitchfork, Canyon Creek, and Loco pastures. If utilization levels meet allowable use levels, you will need to either move livestock to available forage within the pasture or to the next scheduled pasture. If allowable use



levels are met prior to the scheduled off date and no other pastures or forage is available, livestock will be removed from the allotment.

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off the allotment, as well any adjustments that may be needed to the 2008 T Bar Allotment rotation schedule. If you identify the need to differ from this schedule by more than 15 days, please contact this office at least two weeks in advance so that the district has time to conduct monitoring and assess your request.

## 2. Utilization Standards and Monitoring:

Forage utilization in Negrito Pasture will be monitored to ensure utilization levels throughout the 2006 Bear Fire are do not exceed light use levels (0-30 percent) until full recovery is achieved. For the remainder of the T Bar Allotment, forage utilization should be within conservative use levels (30 to 40 percent) on the key perennial grasses when measured during monitoring trips. Key areas and restricted areas (PAC's) will be visited to determine actual grazing use / seasonal use by livestock and wildlife. 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 best 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.

Loco	6/25-6/26/09 & 8/18-8/19/09 & 10/15-10/16/09
Canyon Creek	6/25-6/26/09 & 8/18-8/19/09 & 10/15-10/16/09
Pitchfork	6/25-6/26/09 & 8/18-8/19/09 & 10/15-10/16/09
7HL	6/25-6/26/09 & 8/18-8/19/09 & 10/15-10/16/09
Negrito	6/25-6/26/09 & 8/18-8/19/09 & 10/15-10/16/09
South Negrito Holding	6/25-6/26/09 & 8/18-8/19/09 & 10/15-10/16/09
North Ewe Holding	6/25-6/26/09 & 8/18-8/19/09 & 10/15-10/16/09

## 3. Provide supplement for livestock as follows:

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.

**4. Forage Growth and Water Availability:**

Per Part 2, Section 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. Grazing Restriction:**

The T Bar allotment includes Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Center's (PAC). In these PAC's the following activities are restricted during the breeding season of the Owl (March 1-August 31): livestock concentrations or trailing, fence construction, and livestock salting. Routine maintenance of range improvements is allowed.

**6. Range Improvements:**

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

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 the 2009 grazing season:

1. Reconstruction/repair of Negrito/Bearwallow division fence #6401
2. Construct 2 miles of fence in Northeast corner of Bearwallow Pasture to create West Trap. Decision Memo signed on 4/21/06.
3. Reconstruct/repair the South Negrito Holding fence #3063
4. Construct waterlot around Juniper Tank #3067. Decision Memo signed on 4/21/06.

**7. The Annual Operating Instructions** are a part of the Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, Section 8. They comply with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. They also comply with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the T Bar Allotment. 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