

Mangitas Allotment

Quemado Ranger District

2011 Annual Operating Instructions

(03/11/11)

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permittee	Permitted	From	To	Type
Concepcion	135cow/calf	05/01	10/31	Term
Eva	135cow/calf	05/01	10/31	Term

2011 Annual Authorization:

Permittee	Authorized	From	To	Type
Concepcion	122 cow/calf	05/01/11	10/31/11	Term
Eva	135 cow/calf	05/01/11	10/31/11	Term

2011 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Number	Allowable Use
Mangitas	05/01/11	06/01/11	257	35%
Jones	06/02/11	07/15/11	257	35%
Mangitas	07/15/11	08/01/11	257	35%
Black Peak	08/02/11	09/01/11	257	35%
Johnson Basin	09/02/11	10/31/11	257	35%

Please continue to observe this pasture rotation schedule and move cattle in timely manner.

Grazing Restriction:

The following restriction applies to a small area located on the south end of the Mangitas Pasture. The grazing restriction for this area is as follows:

No salt, mineral or supplemental feed may be placed in this area from February 1 to August 31 and no concentrations of livestock, i.e., corral use, traps or large gathering of livestock is allowed. Routine maintenance of range developments is allowed. Stock tank cleaning must be approved in advance prior to any activities.

The purpose of this restriction is to provide measures to mitigate wildlife issues.

Allowable Use:

The Decision set guidelines for forage utilization in key areas of 35% allowable use during growing season. Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25%.

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 year's monitoring results. If pastures were approaching allowable use during the 2010 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 Mangitas Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2011 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Date	Pasture	Date
Mangitas	06/01/11	Black Peak	09/01/11
Jones	07/12/11	Johnson Basin	10/26/11
Mangitas	08/01/11		

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds utilization on the uplands, 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. This requirement is necessary to prevent overuse on forage plants.

Utilization Monitoring Results for 2010:

Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use	Pasture	Date	Key Area	Use
Jones	06/29/10	C1	23%	Johnson	08/23/10	PW	3%
Jones	06/29/10	U9	12%	Black Peak	11/02/10	PW	3%
Jones	06/29/10	PW	8%	Black Peak	11/02/10	P7	5%

2010 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 water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2011 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary. Part 2, clause 8(c) of the grazing permit provides this option.

Range Developments:

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

Actual Use:

Actual use data provided to the District was calculated at 1549 AM's for the 2010 grazing season.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please do not hesitate to call Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller at (575) 773-4678.

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