

Sanchez Allotment
 Quemado Ranger District
 2011 Annual Operating Instructions
 (11/15/10)

Term Permitted Livestock:

| Permitted | From | To | Type |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| 34 Cow/Calf | 03/01 | 02/28 | Term Permit |

2011 Annual Authorization:

| Authorized | From | To | Type |
|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 34 Cow/Calf | 03/01/11 | 02/28/12 | Term Permit |

2011 Pasture Rotation:

| Pasture | From | To | Number | Allowable Use |
|---------|----------|----------|-------------|---------------|
| South | 03/01/11 | 06/30/11 | 34 Cow/Calf | 40% |
| North | 06/30/11 | 11/15/11 | 34 Cow/Calf | 35% |
| South | 11/15/11 | 02/28/12 | 34 Cow/Calf | 40% |

Grazing Restriction:

There are currently no grazing restrictions that apply to this allotment.

Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 12/13/99 established guidelines for forage utilization within key areas at 35% allowable use during growing season and 40% allowable use during dormant season. Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of the riparian sprouts/seedlings within a riparian area.

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 Sanchez Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2011 Monitoring Dates:

| Pasture | Monitoring Dates |
|---------|------------------|
| South | 06/15/11 |
| North | 11/15/11 |
| South | 02/15/12 |

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds utilization on the uplands or woody riparian plant sprouts/seedlings, 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.

2010 Utilization Monitoring Results:

| Pasture | Date | Key Area | Use |
|---------|----------|----------|-----|
| South | 05/29/10 | P8 | 6% |
| North | 12/07/10 | PW | <5% |

2010 utilization monitoring results show 0 accounts of over utilization; I appreciate your efforts in the management of your livestock to comply with utilization standards. Please continue to do so during the 2011 grazing season.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of 2011, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment 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.

Actual Use:

Actual use data provided to the District was calculated at 414 AM's for the 2010 grazing season.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please call Stan Towner or Monte Topmiller at (575) 773-4678.

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12/8/10
Date