

**West Demetrio Allotment
 Quemado Ranger District
 2011 Annual Operating Instructions
 (11/23/10)**

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

PERMITTED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
70 Cow/Calf	03/01	02/28	Term Permit

2011 Annual Authorization:

AUTHORIZED	FROM	TO	PERMIT
70 Adult Cattle	03/01/11	02/28/12	Term Permit

**2011 Pasture
 Rotation:**

PASTURE	FROM	TO	NUMBER	ALLOWABLE USE
Cabin Springs/Demetrio	03/01/11	05/01/11	70 head	40%
Aspen Springs	05/01/11	10/15/11	70 head	35%
Holding	10/15/11	11/01/11	70 head	40%
Cabin Springs/ Demetrio	11/1/11	2/28/12	70 head	40%

Grazing Restriction:

No restrictions currently apply to this allotment.

Allowable Use:

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

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 West Demetrio Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

2011 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Monitoring Date
Cabin Springs/Demetrio/Holding	03/23/11 & 04/27/11
Aspen Springs/Holding	10/06/11
Cabin Springs/Demetrio/Holding	02/24/12

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:

Date	Pasture	Key Area	Use	Date	Pasture	Key Area	Use
03/19/10	Demetrio	C12	8%	05/29/10	Cabin Springs	C12	7%
03/19/10	Holding	PW	5%	05/29/10	Cabin Springs	P4	12%
03/19/10	Cabin Springs	C13	5%	05/29/10	Holding	PW	10%
03/19/10	Cabin Springs	P4	5%	10/06/10	Aspen	PW	3%
05/29/10	Cabin Springs	C13	16%	10/06/10	Holding	C11	0%

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and/or water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2011 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment will 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. Maintenance on the following developments are of high priority during the 2011 grazing season:

1. Aspen Springs Pipeline
2. Cabin Springs Pipeline
3. Maintain Candy Well to a functional status
4. Replace old storage and drinker at Candy Well

Please contact Stan or Monte before beginning these projects to complete required paper work.

Other Information:

As discussed, livestock will not enter the Aspen Springs pasture if there is not adequate water.

Actual Use:

Actual use for the 2010 grazing season was 840 AM's.

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