

West Jewett Allotment
 Quemado Ranger District
 2011 Annual Operating Plan/Instructions
 (5-19-2011)

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	AUMs	Type
50 yearlings	06/01	11/15	193	Term

2011 Annual Authorization:

Authorized	From	To	Type
50 yearlings	06/01/11	11/15/11	Term

2011 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Dry Lake	06/01/11	11/15/11	50 Yearlings	35%
Fitzgerald	-----	-----	Rest	-----

Grazing Restrictions:

No current restrictions apply to this allotment.

Allowable Use:

Proper utilization of forage plants is a necessity to maintain long term productivity of the rangeland and to protect soils from erosion. Proper utilization will maintain sufficient ground cover to prevent erosion and meet the physiological needs of key forage plants for maintenance and reproduction over the long term. Allowable use is determined from considering proper use and all influencing factors such as grazing system, range condition, watershed condition, timing and duration of livestock use and scheduled amount of rest between use periods. The 1995 Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice identified 35% as the maximum allowable utilization by grazing animals.

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas:

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

2011 Monitoring Dates:

Pasture	Date
Dry Lake	08/02/11 & 11/09/11

If any one key area in a pasture being grazed by livestock exceeds utilization on the uplands or heavily hedging of 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
Dry Lake	08/02/10	C1	0%
Dry Lake	08/02/10	U1	0%

Actual Use:

Actual use recorded for 2010 was 276 AM's.

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 removal of livestock 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. Our records indicate that the West Jewett Troughs approved in 2005 are yet to be installed. However, it is imperative that these troughs be installed prior to 2012 seasonal grazing (6/11/2012). Please contact Monte Topmiller for availability of material.

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

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