

# Canyon del Buey

Quemado Ranger District  
2011 Annual Operating Instructions  
(09/29/11)

## Term Permitted Livestock Numbers:

Permitted	From	To	Type
344	03/01	02/28	Term

## 2011 Annual Authorization:

Authorized	From	To	Type
330	10/01/11	02/28/12	Term

## 2011 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	From	To	Numbers	Allowable Use
Slaughter	10/01/11	10/31/11	330	35%
Melquiades	10/31/11	12/15/11	330	35%
Jaramillo	12/15/11	02/28/12	330	35%

## Grazing Restriction:

Grazing restrictions apply as shown on the allotment map provided to you with your permit. If you need an additional copy contact the District Office. The grazing restrictions are 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.

## Allowable Use:

The Decision dated 9/14/04 established allowable use levels at 35% during growing and dormant season on key areas for all pastures including browse species within Alambre, Boy, Tomas, and Benino pastures. Within riparian areas that contain woody riparian plants, utilization is limited to no more than 25% of the 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 Canyon del Buey Allotment. You are encouraged to participate in monitoring utilization levels.

**2011 Monitoring Dates:**

Pasture	Monitoring Dates
Slaughter	11/01/11
Melquiades	12/08/11
Jaramillo	02/29/12

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	MSO PAC Number	Use %
Canyon del Buey	06/17/11	030609011	8
Canyon del Buey	07/07/11	030609001	0

**Actual Use:**

The actual use for the Canyon del Buey Allotment during 2010 was 0 AM's.

**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.

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

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 Date