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2013  
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (AOI)  
JAWBONE ALLOTMENT (00649)  
CARSON NATIONAL FOREST  
TRES PEIDRAS RANGER DISTRICT

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Brock and Tandi Canty  
Lonell and Leon Crowther  
Griego Ranch  
Chad and Kristina Rush  
Jake and Eric Vigil

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## **Introduction**

The Annual Operating Instruction meeting was held on March 29, 2013 at the Tres Piedras Ranger District. Permittees that attended the meeting included Thomas Griego, Cody Rush, and Jake Vigil. Chris Furr, Wayne Yonemoto, and Anna Dominguez represented the U.S. Forest Service.

The Annual Operating Instruction (AOI) is a decision document that is made part of the terms and conditions of the Term Grazing Permit. The AOI includes guidance criteria described below that addresses annual resource conditions, livestock numbers, period of use, pasture rotations, monitoring and range improvements projects. The 2003 Rangeland Management Action Plan for the Santa Fe and Carson National Forests continues to be program guidance. The objectives of this strategic action plan continue to be a high priority and emphasize collaboration, rangeland health, rangeland monitoring and Permittee involvement. The livestock grazing fee is \$1.35/HM (cattle).

The dry weather pattern conditions include the following. Within the area, the national Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) 3-month forecast is for increased chances of below normal to normal precipitation, Feb through April., 2013 as well as, increased chances of normal to above-normal temperatures.

The SPI definition that indicates the end-of-drought is for the SPI values to be positive 1.0 (or higher) for the past 12 months. The SPI for the past 12 months January thru December is described as Moderately Dry (-1.24 to -0.75) so the end of drought has not occurred.

SPI values of negative 0.70 or less for the past month signal drought conditions. The SPI for the past 1-month thru February is described as Near Normal (-0.74 to +0.74), so 1-month drought conditions are present. Within the District, during the periods of December, 2012 through February, 2013 there were various areas of favorable to normal to above normal precipitation but also areas of below normal precipitation. Also, below normal to normal, to normal to above-normal temperatures occurred.

The authorized ear tag color is blue. All authorized cattle will be ear tagged correctly with the authorized letter/number. The authorized use for the current grazing season is as follows:

Members Information and Season of Use (Term Permit/Annual Authorized Use Request Form)

<b>Jawbone has 4 cattle permits and 1 sheep permit</b>	<b>Permitted (c/c, 6/16-9/30) ( e/l, 7/1-9/15)</b>	<b>Authorized 10% reduction (c/c, 6/16-9/30, 107 days), (e/l, 7/1-9/15, 77 days)</b>	<b>Ear tag blue/letter</b>	<b>Remarks 2013 Actual Use</b>
Brock and Tandi Canty	(6/16-9/30) 88 c/c	79, 277 HM,	C	
Griego Ranch	(6/16-9/30) 125 c/c	112, 393 HM,	A	
Chad and Kristina Rush	(6/16-9/30) 84 c/c	74, 260 HM,	G	
Jake and Eric Vigil	(6/16-9/30) 121 c/c	97, 341 HM, (20% voluntary reduction)	L	
Total c/c	(6/16-9/30) 418	362, 1273 HM, 1680 AUM		
Lonell and Leon Crowther	(7/1-9/15) 556 e/l	500, 1265 HM, 379 AUM	C	
Total c/c and e/l HM/AUM	2879 HM, 2362 AUM	2538 HM, 2059 AUM		

Range readiness inspections will determine the final authorized livestock number and whether range vegetation and soils meet the criteria for grazing. Range readiness will be scheduled at a later date.

Compliance with New Mexico Statewide Regulation, 21.30.6 NMAC, Bovine Trichomoniasis, effective June 17, 2005, becomes a term and condition of the United States Forest Service term grazing permit. We ask that you comply with the NM State Trichomoniasis regulations.

All livestock must be scheduled for counting prior to entering the Allotment. Tres Piedras district range personnel must be notified 5 days prior to the time that livestock enter or leave the Carson NF.

Nonuse of term permit must be requested in writing for all of the permitted numbers (Full Nonuse), or part of the permitted numbers (Partial Nonuse). Verbal applications will not be accepted. If a permittee is approved for "Full nonuse", the permittee is still responsible for maintenance of assigned range improvements.

**Review of 2012 Monitoring Data**

The monitoring information in the Allotment Study file was reviewed. The forage production improved after the July, August precipitation (normal to above normal). Participants discussed

areas of below average to average production and average to above average production, livestock distribution management and utilization. All pastures had a majority of grazeable acres at average to above average production.

A utilization guideline of 20% to 40% (end of season) in each pasture was met. FS monitoring indicated end-of-growing season utilization: Hopewell-40%; La Manga/Gavilan-40%; Broke Off-40 %. Erratic/sporadic precipitation negatively influenced forage production and adaptive management in adjusting the rotation timing in La Manga and Gavilan.

**2012 AOI Compliance**

1. All pastures met the utilization guidelines of 20% to 40% utilization measured at the end of the growing season.
2. Met the riparian standards for the 2012 grazing season

**2012 Actual use**

Actual use: 370 c/c: 6/16-9/30, (107 days) (11% reduction from permit) (Total 1301 HM, 1718 AUM) Authorized sheep took non-use. 2012 Total reduction of Jawbone permits was 54% reduction.

**Hopewell**

370 c/c, 6/16-7/25, 40 days, 486 HM, 642AUM  
370 c/c, 9/21-9/30, 10 days 121 HM, 160 AUM  
Total 50 days, 608 HM, 802 AUM

**La Manga/Gavilan**

370 c/c, 9/2-9/20, 18 days, 218 HM, 289 AUM

**Broke Off**

370 c/c 7/26-9/1, 38 days, 462 HM, 610 AUM

**Actual Use by Permittee**

Griego Ranches 398 HM, 525 AUM  
Chad and Krystina Rush 267 HM, 352 AUM  
Jake and Eric Vigil 359 HM, 473 AUM  
Brock and Tandi Canty 278 HM, 366 AUM  
Lonell and Leon Crowther non-use

**Tentative Rotation Schedule**

Initial distribution of your livestock in tentatively planned as follows (actual dates will be based on the range readiness determination);

Tentative Rotation Schedule (6/16-9/30, 107 days c/c. 7/1-9/15, 77 days e/l)

<b>Pasture</b>	<b>Tentative Dates (# of Days)</b>	<b>Days (min to max)</b>	<b>Actual Use</b>	<b>Reason for Adjustments</b>
<b>Broke Off</b>	6/16-7/18 (33) c/c	20-33		
<b>La Manga/Gavilan</b>	7/19-8/17 (30) c/c	20-30		
	8/18-8/27 (10) e/l	5-10		
<b>Hopewell</b>	8/28-9/30 (34) c/c	20-30		
<b>Total</b>	(77-107 days) Range readiness determines the authorized entry date: utilization determines the exit date.	65-107		

**Monitoring**

Please contact Tres Piedras RD with any questions regarding monitoring and whether you wish to participate in the annual monitoring of your allotment. Your participation is encouraged. The following monitoring assessments, evaluations and methods may be conducted on the allotment:

Weather update (SPI and temperature)

Soil moisture depth

Water availability

Reading paired annual production/utilization cages with supporting photos and documentation, Rapid Assessment Method, Cover/Frequency, Parker 3-Step, Grazing Response Index, Ocular Estimate Method by Class, Ocular Utilization Estimate by Weight, Photo Point, and Range Trend Plot.

Key site map of the Allotment

Key forage list showing community type, species list and stubble height

Range readiness stubble ht. /utilization guidelines

Grazing season monitoring stubble ht. / utilization guidelines

End of season stubble ht. /utilization guidelines

Range readiness documentation

Watershed health indicators

**Utilization Guidelines**

Within each pasture, grazing utilization would occur at 20% to 40% of the annual available forage (not to exceed 40%) and would be assessed at the end of the growing season. Utilization guidelines in the riparian areas includes: leaving 4 inches of stubble height of the annual available forage when livestock exit the pasture. When proper use levels are reached within the pasture, livestock will be moved to the next scheduled pasture unless other management considerations require livestock removal before proper use levels are reached.

## Key Forage Species

Pastures	Key Forage Species	Stubble Height
Hopewell	Arizona fescue	6"
La Manga/Gavilan	Kentucky bluegrass	4"
Broke Off	Thurber fescue	8"
Riparian	Kentucky bluegrass	4"
	Carex	4"

Total removal of all livestock from the pasture/allotment is required. A 3 day period will be allowed to remove stray(s) permitted livestock from the pasture/allotment. Regular herding and riding management practices are important to achieve proper livestock distribution on the allotment, and to provide for the optimal duration of the grazing period. Salting practices are also described in the cattle operator instructions at the end of this AOI.

### AOI Objectives

- Annually rotate pastures to vary the cool and warm growing season rest and allow the opportunity for cool and warm season growth.
- In each pasture minimize the time spent in pastures to less than 40 days in order to improve forage vigor. Monitor all the pastures grazing duration in order to improve forage vigor.
- In each pasture maintain or improve the riparian green zone forage.
- In each pasture improve livestock distribution when initially entering the pasture by moving small groups throughout the pasture, to various salt locations with rider representation from all the permittees. Also, herd/move livestock within the authorized pasture every few days to improve livestock distribution.
- Gavilan: minimize days in the area and use as a gathering site.
- Hopewell: Monitor unauthorized use by private livestock from HWY 64 to Placer Creek
- Hopewell: Monitor the use of dispersed camping and the vandalism of the NE top rail fence surrounding Hopewell Lake.
- As Jawbone allotment permittees, you are authorized to drive (in your work truck vehicle) off the Forest Service developed roads further than 300 ft. during the performance of your maintenance responsibilities. Aspen fence stays may be removed from allotment areas adjacent to the maintained pasture fences. In addition, ATV transport of materials is allowed. During conditions (moist soil) when your vehicle tires will cause increasing soil surface disturbance and greater negative impacts, you are not authorized to drive beyond or off the established Forest Service roads or trails. This authorization will expire on 10/30/13 or may change to an earlier expiration date depending on Forest conditions, fire restrictions, seasonal closures or limited accessibility.

### **Management Actions (2008 EA):**

#### Short term Actions (1 to 5 years)

- On an annual basis, a range in livestock numbers, entry dates, exit dates, and AUM's may occur in response to resource conditions.
- Deferred/rest rotation grazing system-3 fenced pastures and 1 unfenced deferred rotation. Alternating entry pasture in response to resource conditions.

- There are 3 fenced pastures, Hopewell, La Manga, Broke Off, and one unfenced pasture Gavilan. Allotment entry is dependent on annual range readiness inspections.
- All pasture riparian areas have herd management objective to move livestock away from riparian areas to surrounding grasslands.
- All pastures-salt areas in uplands (0.5 to 1.0 mile from water sources).
- Projects-(1) reconstruction of Rincon Negro earthen dam in Broke Off pasture. (2) Reconstruction of approximately 3 miles of boundary fence between Tusas and Jawbone allotment in the Broke Off pasture.
- 20%-40% utilization monitoring guidelines

#### Long term Actions (6-10 years)

- Boundary fence improvement

#### Adaptive Management Action (Short term-1-5 years: Long term- 6-10 years)

##### Short term Actions

- Riparian additional actions-BMP's of herding, more riders, salt placement: reduce AUM's
- Upland meadows additional actions-similar to short term, including increased severity of AUM reduction or period of use reduction.
- Additional EA in future-prescribed burns/ fence development considering watersheds and topography.

#### **2008 Decision Notice includes:**

- With no requests for conversion of livestock, Jawbone allotment will be permitted 330 cow/calf from June 16 to September 30 (107 days). There will be two sheep permits: (1) 720 ewe/lamb from July 1st to September 30 (92 days) and, (2) 556 ewe/lamb from July 1 to September 15 (77 days).
- With a total conversion from sheep to cattle, Jawbone allotment will be permitted 486 cow/calf from June 16 to September 30 (107 days).
- With a total conversion of cattle to sheep, Jawbone allotment will be permitted 4,086 ewe/lambs from July 1 to September 30 (77 days).
- On an annual basis, numbers may be adjusted to respond to resource conditions.
- Grazing will occur through a deferred or rest rotational system to allow for cool season grass production in alternating seasons.
- The Gavilan area acreage will become part of the La Manga pasture, but livestock will be herded to mimic a fenced pasture.
- A conservative grazing intensity with an allowable utilization range of 20 to 40 percent, depending on the vegetation type and current range conditions will be used.
- To improve riparian area management, riparian areas will be identified by pasture, a pattern of use map will be established to document ungulate use and the annual operating instructions (AOI) will include salting for cattle/sheep at least .5 to 1 mile from key watering points. Management actions such as moving livestock out of riparian areas, reducing livestock numbers and salting will become part of the AOI and allotment management plan.

Authorized billing dates will be established at the Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) meeting. The actual entry date will be determined during the range readiness inspection. During the grazing season, pasture rotations/modifications may be made with Forest

Service approval. The AOI pasture rotation and pasture range of days are guidelines for grazing season management adjustments. The AOI pasture rotation and period of use addresses utilization standards and may be changed based on current resource conditions.

**Permittee Management Concerns (Also refer to the Project Section)**

- Permittees observe increase in Elk use in Jawbone allotment
- La Manga: Excess uses by Tio Grande, 75-100 cows were constantly being taken out.
- La Manga/Tio Grande fence needs to be taller with 6't-posts as the current fence is constructed with short posts.
- La Manga: Permittees inquired about the Tio Grande rotation schedule. In 2012 they observed Tio Grande cattle getting into La Manga early in June-July and August > 50 days. Jawbone permittees minimally used La Manga due to the stunted growth and excess and unauthorized use.
- Hopewell: Permittees are concerned about the USFS issuance of Grant crossing permits through Hopewell pasture. They propose that some private landowners NE of Hopewell Pasture truck their cattle to their private corrals instead of being issued a crossing permit through USFS.
- Hopewell: Permittees are concerned about the unrecorded private use of Jawbone/Hopewell corral.
- Hopewell: Permittees are concerned about the Jawbone/Hopewell corral maintenance scheduling with USFS adjacent private landowners.
- Hopewell Permittees are concerned about the lack of pens in the Jawbone/Hopewell corral for sorting the additional cattle from the conversion of sheep to cattle permit and the private landowners.
- Gavilan: Permittees are concerned about the Gavilan/Tusas gate on the unauthorized road/Tony Marquez trail. The gate is constantly left open allowing cattle to scatter.

**Annual Authorized Use Request Form**

Credits from previous year, if applicable, would apply to the current bill (10% reduction in numbers). 2012 credit was to the sheep non-use which was an additional 43% reduction to the 11% reduction in cattle numbers (total reduction of 54%). A total of 1408 HM was credited to the Crowther's. A staggered entry and exit may occur this year. The final livestock numbers and entry date would be determined after range readiness inspections.

**Range Improvements Projects and Maintenance**

Range improvements projects maintenance labor/costs are the responsibilities of the permittee. Term permit assigned projects such as, allotment boundary fences, pasture boundary fences, cattle guards, earthen dam stock tanks, pit tanks, and other structural improvements must be maintained prior to permittee entry onto the allotment. When allotments are in non-use the permittees are still required to maintain their assigned improvements.

**2013 Project Priority:**

The following are improvements which require special attention during the current grazing season.

- La Manga: metal gate installation at the Tio Grande La Manga unauthorized road, continental divide trail.
- La Manga: Tio Grande continental divide trail fence pass installment by trail crew.
- La Manga: Heavy maintenance on the Tio Grande/La Manga boundary fence. 6' T posts will be installed to improve the short fence and address Tio Grande cattle getting into La Manga.
- La Manga: 3 H-braces installed on the Tio Grande/La Manga fence—supplies for 2 H braces are at the site.
- Hopewell: Putting up signs on the corral informing users to obtain prior permission from Tres Piedras Ranger District
- Hopewell: USFS considering issuance of crossing permits to landowners directly adjacent to Hopewell pasture.
- Hopewell: Construction of another pen on the corral to accommodate the conversion of sheep permit to cattle, (consider modification of internal fence of corral to create one or two more pens).
- Hopewell/Jawbone: Repair of the Jawbone corral chute (floor).
- Broke Off: clean out and repair of Negro tank
- Gavilan: Installation of a cattle guard between the Tusas and the Jawbone (concession stand) or replace gate with one that automatically shuts.
- Jawbone allotment USFS/Completing deferred maintenance assignments

**Previous Projects Completed:**

Heavy maintenance on Hopewell corral	2010-Completed
Heavy maintenance on Tusas/Gavilan boundary fence	2004-Completed

**Future Projects**

Broke Off: Clean out and repair of Negro tank	Discussed
La Manga: metal gate installation at the Tio Grande La Manga unauthorized road, continental divide trail.	Discussed
La Manga: Tio Grande continental divide trail fence pass installment by trail crew.	Discussed
La Manga: Heavy maintenance on the Tio Grande/La Manga boundary fence. 6' T posts will be installed to improve the short fence and address Tio Grande cattle getting into La Manga.	Discussed
La Manga: 3 H-braces installed on the Tio Grande/La Manga fence—supplies for 2 H braces are at the site.	Discussed
Hopewell: Putting up signs on the corral informing users of prior permission for use of the corral	Discussed
Hopewell: Construction of another pen on the corral to accommodate the conversion of sheep permit to cattle, (consider modification of internal fence of corral to create one or two more pens).	Discussed

Hopewell/Jawbone corral chute repair	Discussed
Gavilan Cattle guard or gate that shuts automatically at the Tusas Jawbone boundary.	Discussed

**Excess Use and Unauthorized Use**

Permittees are encouraged to notify the Tres Piedras Ranger District of any known violation by permittees (excess use) or non-permittees (unauthorized use). Grazing permit holders who graze more livestock than authorized will receive a Notice of Non-Compliance, charged an excess use grazing fee, and the term permit may be suspended or cancelled in whole or part.

**National Environmental Policy Act Status for Grazing Permit Issuance**

Direction for management on the allotment is being documented in this AOI and is in conformance with the allotment management plan (AMP). An environmental assessment was completed in 9-30-2008 and an AMP was prepared in 5-16-2012. Open and positive communication is encouraged. Please contact the range personnel if you have any questions on allotment management objectives, or Forest Plan standards and guidelines.

**Travel Management**

USFS Travel Management Plan was discussed. The travel management rule requires each Ranger District to designate those roads trails and areas open to motor vehicle use. Range permittee guidelines will be developed and will be included in the AOI in the future. A second travel management meeting was held in Tres Piedras on March 21, 2007 (The first travel management meeting was held in Tres Piedras July 11, 2006). Attendees provided comments to the USFS regarding roads or trails that should remain open or closed and identified access routes to range improvements that are needed within the allotment. Scoping letter (dated February 2, 2009) was mailed to the public.

ACTUAL USE INFORMATION

**Jawbone Allotment  
Grazing Season**

Pasture	Scheduled Livestock Number & Class	Schedule Use		Actual Use		Remarks
<b>Broke Off</b>	362 c/c	6/16	7/18			
<b>La Manga/Gavilan</b>	362 c/c	7/19	8/17			
	500 e/l	8/18	8/27			
<b>Hopewell</b>	362 c/c	8/28	9/30			

Number of Head counted on: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of head lost:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Table 1**

Livestock Class	Poisonous Plants	Predators	Other	Total Losses

**Utilization Information  
Jawbone Allotment  
Grazing Season**

Pasture	Head Months (HMs)	Animal Unit months	Allowable Utilization (percent)	Date Monitored	Observed Utilization
<b>Broke Off</b>					
<b>La Manga/Gavilan</b>					
<b>Hopewell</b>					





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## Appendix

### Grazing Permittee Instruction for Cattle Operators on Tres Piedras Ranger District

Review the term grazing permit and become familiar with the terms and conditions prior to the grazing season. Only livestock branded as shown on your application are permitted to enter the national Forest. The Forest Service (FS) and the permittees will agree to the counting locations, date and time. Entering the allotment before your authorized entry date is not allowed until livestock are counted.

A Crossing Permit is required whenever livestock enter the National Forest. Crossing the District to/From a grazing allotment is only allowed within the authorized season.

Livestock found on other unauthorized allotments or in areas without prior authorization will result in the issuance of a Notice of non-compliance that may impact your term permit. The Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) pasture rotation dates are tentative. Therefore, you must consult with the District Office two weeks before the AOI tentative scheduled rotation dates for discussion and approval of the actual move dates and any AOI adjustments.

#### Management

The management objective is to obtain proper use throughout the grazeable portions of the range according to the management requirements of the Carson Forest plan. Obtaining the best distribution of cattle on mountain ranges is made difficult because of their natural tendency to gather in openings, watering sites, drainages, riparian areas, and meadows. Proper use will be determined by the percent of forage used within key area sites. With proper livestock distribution, a uniform pattern of use would occur. Utilization levels would vary between 20% to 40% (percent dry) in pasture key areas, and within the overall pasture's pattern of use.

Riding, herding and good salting practices will help. Frequent movement of salt within slight to light use areas is required to improve the pattern of use. Cattle should be moved to less utilized areas and heavier use should be avoided in the bottoms/meadows/openings that contain more desirable herbage. When proper use levels are reached within each pasture, livestock grazing must end and livestock must exit. An early allotment exit would result in a partial refund/credit of the grazing payment. The grazing of more than one pasture at a time must be approved by the District Ranger. All cattle on the allotment would be handled as one herd. Moves between pastures may be handled as drifting moves where gates to the next successive pasture may be opened 2 days before the agreed scheduled move date. The exit pasture that the cattle are leaving must be cleaned-out within 3 days after the scheduled date for moving.

#### Salting

Salt must be placed in each pasture prior to cattle entering the pasture. Salt shall be located at least 0.5 miles to 1.0 miles away from streams, springs, earthen dam stock tank and other sources of water in order to improve the livestock distribution within the pastures. Salt must be placed to minimize damage to vegetation and soil, within the tree line instead of in the middle of openings and not in drainages/riparian or near roadways. Regular salt ground sites must not be established.

### **Range Improvements Projects**

Range improvement Projects assigned in your Term Grazing Permit requires annual maintenance that is to be completed prior to placing livestock in the pasture unit. Allotment boundary fences must be maintained before the entry date and interior fences must be maintained before cattle enter the pasture.

Acceptable maintenance means returning the improvement to its original functioning working order and using the equivalent materials. Particular attention, labor and time must be given to gates within the allotment to make certain that they are serviceable and can be opened and closed easily. The FS does not furnish materials or cost-share for maintenance projects.

All lay-down fences should be let-down no later than October 20, or as soon as possible after cattle leave the allotment and adjoining allotments.

Construction of new improvements or reconstruction of existing projects must have the approval of the District ranger. During the AOI meeting and throughout the year suggestions for proposed projects are accepted.

### **Special Attention Items**

Written authorization from the District Ranger is required for vehicle travel in road closure areas. All cross-country travel where allowed must not cause ruts or down-cutting in the soil surface. Cross-country vehicular travel when the ground is wet is prohibited. This written authorization is only for vehicle travel necessary for your livestock operation on your allotment. Prudent use of this authority is asked when and where general public use is concentrated. All permittees are encouraged to stay off roadways closed to vehicular travel during hunting seasons.

All temporary camps and corrals made or used by permittees or the riders will be cleared up (left in a sanitary condition) and all materials/trash will be removed from the sites. Temporary cam/corral locations should be discussed with the FS prior to setting up the camp.

Riders will be permitted 4 horses or mules per rider for work within the allotment. No untrained horses, colts or other untrained stock will be allowed. Ear tags will be provided initially to new permittees on allotments that have tags. After initial allocation of tags, 10 percent will be provided per grazing season.

Please notify the district Ranger with any observations of stray livestock on the Nation's Forest Lands (regardless of the time of year). Move any dead animals to rest no closer than 300 feet from water or roadways.

**Report wildfires to: Tres Piedras Ranger Station at (575) 758-86778 or Carson Dispatch at (575) 758-6208 or (575) 758-6209. If you have any questions, please contact the Tres Piedras Ranger District office.**