

Utilization Monitoring of Key Areas: Key forage utilization monitoring will continue. Within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture, those key areas will be visited by the Forest Service to determine actual grazing use by livestock/wildlife. These areas are the existing cluster/pace transect sites. Key area utilization checks may also be conducted mid way through a pasture use period to determine actual grazing use. I urge you to participate in these key area utilization surveys. Estimated forage use determinations will be consistent with the Region 3 Range Analysis Handbook. Monitoring methods will be by ocular estimate, grazed plant method, clip/weigh and/or Grazing Intensity Guidelines.

Utilization Monitoring Results:

The following key areas were monitored during the 2002 grazing season:

Johnson Basin	P-2	33%	Toriette	C2	40%
Johnson Basin	C-4	7%	Bear Canyon	P2	5%
Johnson Basin	C-5	9%	Spur Trail	C1	2%
Johnson Basin	C6	12%	Turkey Park	C5	12%
East Camp	C1	24%			
East Camp	P-4	2%			
East Camp	P-5	35%			

We appreciate your cooperation in complying with the allowable use rates.

Forage Growth and Water Availability:

If forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2003, total or partial livestock removal 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.

In addition, improvement maintenance discussed included:

1. Putting a berm on existing pipelines and reseeding, to aid in future maintenance.
2. Nancy tank may need to be cleaned out and made deeper.

New improvements discussed included:

1. Cattle guards at end of Spur Trail, and close to Big Flat Tank.

Actual Use:

The actual use for the 2002 grazing season was 3132 AM's. For your reference the 10-year actual use average for this allotment has been 3579 AM's.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please call John Pierson or Collin Ewing at (505) 773-4678.

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