

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt Duchesne Ranger District
Yellowstone Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non Use</u>	<u>Season</u>
Floyd Lyons	160		June 16 to Sept 25
Eric Fisher	27		June 16 to Sept 25
Total Herd Size	187		

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Boundary	1 st	6/16 – 6/26	50%
Pipeline-Harmston Basin	2 nd	6/27 – 7/27	50%
Cow Canyon-Reservoir	2 nd	6/27 – 7/27	50%
Grants Spring-Wilderness *	3 rd	7/28 – 8/28	40%
Sagebrush Treated	4 th	8/29 – 9/25	50%

*Allowable use in wilderness portion of unit, meadows, and riparian is 40%.

The dates above are guidelines. **Cattle need to be moved from unit to unit when allowable use is reached in key areas (those areas where cattle spend most of their time and utilization is reached first).** Cattle are scheduled to graze the Boundary unit first. Cattle will then graze the Pipeline-Harmston Basin and Cow Canyon-Reservoir unit. The Grants Springs-Wilderness units will be grazed third. The Sagebrush Treated unit will be used last. Cattle will leave the allotment by September 25th or sooner if allowable use is met. A maximum of 1-2 days drifting from one unit to the next will be allowed.

As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units except the Wilderness unit. In wilderness unit, allowable use is 40%. A 4” stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. sedges) shall be left in all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows) following the grazing season. Prior to July 20th, residual stubble height following grazing may exceed 4” (regrowth will occur prior to first hard freeze). After July 20th, grazing cannot exceed the 4” stubble height. Permittees should closely monitor key areas. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the key areas have a “mowed” look to them (i.e. all grass seed heads have been removed from the stalks), which indicates about 60% use or greater. Some notable riparian areas on the allotment include the wet meadows in the wilderness. When allowable use is met on each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit. It will be the permittees' responsibility to gauge utilization.

A range employee will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements. Exceeding allowable use standards is not permitted. If compliance is not met, permittees will be sent notices of non-compliance and associated requirements to address the violation(s).

Grazing fees will be \$1.41 per head month this year. Fees must be paid before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest. It can take two to three week for payment to go through Lockbox so please pay your bill well in advance of your on date.

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held on May 15, 2018. Those present in the meeting were Rick Lyons, Eric Fisher, Dean Fisher, Will Scott, Darryl Sorensen and Sandy Kaminski.. The following items were discussed:

1. The Fisher’s Yellowstone cattle will be ear tagged with a purple # tag and a red brand tag in 2018. No purple and red tagged cattle will be allowed on the Petty Mountain allotment.
2. Drought conditions were discussed. Forage conditions will be monitored and livestock numbers or season of use will be adjusted as needed. Permittees need to watch utilization closely and move cattle before 50% use is reached.
3. The water line to the boundary water troughs was replaced in 2016, a valve will be installed at the trough this spring to complete the project.
4. Two waterlines in the Hells Canyon area need to be replaced, Rick plans to work on these this summer. Contact Sandy for materials.
5. People are driving too fast on the Hells Canyon and Yellowstone road, cattle are getting hit and injured or killed by vehicles. Permittees would like to have watch for cattle signs put up on these roads.
6. Forest Plan revision and range hot topics meeting were discussed. Notes from this meeting can be found on the Ashley National Forest web page.
7. Sage Grouse Management Plan implementation was discussed. Adjustments were made to the habitat map this year based on field reviews. The Yellowstone allotment contains nesting / breeding habitat and summer / brood rearing habitat at the lower elevations within the Boundary, Harmston Basin and Sagebrush Treated units.

Maintenance of Improvements

All fences and water developments must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact our office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **five** days before the cattle enter the allotment. A Forest technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. All water developments will be maintained jointly by all the permittees.

Range Improvement Checklist

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
3092	East McKune Spring	3023	Grants Spring
3029	Upper Cow Cyn Spring	3021	Yellowstone Stock Pond
3027	Crystal Spring	3010	Little Water Complex
3018	Pipeline Trough #1	3009	Freestone Spring

3024	Pipeline Trough #2	3117	Yellowstone Bridge
3022	Yellowstone GS Spring	3112	Yellowstone Ridge DF
3113	Little Water Drift Fence	3118	Yellowstone DriF #4-#5
3128	Yellowstone DF (ranch)	3129	Units 1-2 Drift Fence
3139	Yellowstone Wash Fence	3140	Riverview Drift Fence
3147	Yellowstone Bdy Fence		Pipeline Trough #3

Multiple Use Considerations

A concentrated effort is being made to control Musk Thistle, Canada Thistle, Whitetop, Giant Whitetop, Russian Knapweed and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts, along with Duchesne and Uintah counties. Your help in controlling weeds is needed. If you find any of the above listed weeds, please report the location to Sandy Kaminski.

All hay and straw transported onto the Forest must be tagged as Certified Noxious Weed-Free as directed by Forest Service Order #04-00-097. Noncompliance with this closure order will result in a citation.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record maintenance report **needs to be completely filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season.** Your contact is Sandy Kaminski at (435) 781-5221 or cell (435) 790-7011. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
District Ranger

2017 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Yellowstone Allotment

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK GRAZED _____

DATE ENTERED NATIONAL FOREST _____

DATE LEFT NATIONAL FOREST _____

HOURS WORKED ON MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

HOURS WORKED ON CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

RECORD OF USE BY UNITS WITHIN ALLOTMENT (AS SHOWN ON MAP)

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates Used	
		From	to
Boundary	1 st		
Pipeline-Harmston Basin	2 nd		
Cow Canyon-Reservoir	3 rd		
Grants Spring-Wilderness	3 rd		
Sagebrush Treated	4 th		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMMENTS: (Include needed range improvements and proposed changes in annual plan of use)
