

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Wilbur Bench Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Michael Vanderhoof	100	35*	June 1 to October 1

*35 non-use for drought conditions.

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge	1 st	6/1 – 7/15	50%
Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon	2 nd	7/16 – 8/15	50%
Tub Ridge	3 rd	8/16 – 10/1	50%

The above dates are to be used as guidelines. Cattle will enter and be distributed in the Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge unit first. When allowable use is reached, the cattle will move onto the Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon unit. Cattle will graze the Tub Ridge unit last.

The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. When allowable use for a key area is achieved (50% use of key upland forage species and 4” to 6” stubble height for riparian forage species), livestock need to be moved to the next scheduled unit. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the units have a “mowed” look to them (i.e. all grass seed heads and stalks have been removed from the plants), which indicates about 60% use or greater. When allowable use is met in each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit.

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

Grazing fees are at \$1.41 this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection, at the Duchesne District Office or online at www.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Annual Operating Meeting

A meeting was held at the Duchesne Ranger Station on April 4, 2018. Michael Vanderhoof, Adrian Brannon, Darryl Sorensen and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. The cattleguard at the boundary fence on Reservation Ridge needs to be cleaned out.
2. Darryl mentioned that Aspen Spring needs to be reconstructed and gave Mike the coordinates and information on the spring. Contact Amber for materials.
3. Mike mentioned that the fence at the bottom of South Fork/mouth of reserve canyon needs to be rebuilt for about ¼ mile. Contact Amber for materials.

4. Darryl mentioned he inspected the Tub Ridge/Mill Hollow Boundary fence last summer and it needs repair. We discussed maintaining the gate and approximately 200ft on each side to prevent cows from crossing the road. The Tub Ridge Boundary fence also needs repaired. Contact Amber for materials.
5. Amber discussed the new direction on season of use and on and off dates. Permittees need to send a written request to the District Ranger several weeks in advance if they want a grazing extension. The District Ranger will determine if the request is granted.
6. Drought was also discussed. Closer to the June 1 on date permittees may be notified of actions that need to be taken.

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 prior to cattle entering the allotment so that we will have time to inspect these improvements. A Forest Service technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
004207	Wilbur Bench Boundary Fence	004445	Tub-Wilbur Fence
004239	Wilbur Bench-Tub Ridge Fen.	004371	Big Draw Fence
004375	Wilbur Bench 2-3 Unit Fence	004382	Aspen Spring
436650	Little Mud Spring	432049	Peatross Spring
433260	Andrus-Mud Spring Pipeline	436645	Red Cedar Spring
004343	Wilbur Bench-Tub Ridge Fen.	432116	Fence Spring
004480	East Side Tub Ridge	004520	Stumbled On Spring
432212	West Side Tub Ridge	436663	Trail Ridge Spring
		436664	Aspen Reservoir

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and maintenance report included in this folder needs to be filled out and returned **immediately following the grazing season**. If there are concerns with the allotment or your permit, please contact Amber Helmus at (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
District Ranger

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2018 Actual Use RecordALLOTMENT NAME Wilbur Bench 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		Allowable Use
		From	To	
Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge	1 st			50%
Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon	2 nd			50%
Tub Ridge	3 rd			50%

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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