

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Timber Canyon/Long Ridge Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee	Number of Cattle	Non Use	Season of Use
Henry Remund	170	70	June 16 – October 15

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Timber Canyon, Rough Canyon, Bumper-Grassy, Water Hollow, Lion Hollow	1 st	6/16 – 7/20	50%
Jackson-Shotgun-Upper Timber	2 nd	7/21 – 8/27	50%
Cow-Calf, Pine Hollow	3 rd	8/28 – 10/15	50%

This year Timber Canyon and Long Ridge Allotment will be grazed together. The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. If a change in the grazing schedule is needed, please contact Amber. The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units. A 4” to 6” stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. wiregrass) shall be left in the stream corridor. Permittees should closely monitor key areas (bluegrass meadows and stream corridors). 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 and stalks have been removed from the plants), which indicates about 60% use or greater. When allowable use in the key areas 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 will be \$1.41 per head month 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 Plan Meeting

The annual meeting was held on March 16, 2018 in Duchesne with Henry Remund and Amber Helmus present. The following items were discussed:

1. Henry mentioned that he needs a new 8ft trough near Adams Spring. Contact Amber for materials.
2. Henry mentioned he needed to replace the trough and pipe in Jackson. Contact Amber for materials.

3. Henry mentioned he still needed to hook up the trough that was flown in. Contact Amber for any materials.
4. Henry mentioned he wants to develop a spring in Lower end of Jackson with a pipe and trough. Amber said we will have to get NEPA done on it first and make sure we have water rights before construction can begin.
5. Amber mentioned that Darryl had inspected the Water Hollow Drift Fence last summer. The portion going off the top down the ridge was in critical shape. Henry mentioned that the section going to the first draw needs work and then the rest was not needed. Amber will had the remaining section the to list of improvements to be removed.
6. Amber mentioned that Darryl had inspected the Water Hollow-Grassy-Bumper Drift Fence last summer. The fence was in poor shape. Henry mentioned that he would work on it this summer.
7. Henry asked if the Rough Hollow Trail could be put on the list for dedicated hunters. Amber will look into putting that trail on the list.
8. Drought was discussed and closer to the June 16 on date changes in time or numbers or grazing units may need to be adjusted.

Maintenance of Improvements

All improvements must be maintained before cattle will be allowed to enter the first unit to be grazed. Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements. Also, as discussed in the annual meeting all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire etc.) need to be removed from the National Forest. The following improvements are on the Timber Canyon and Long Ridge Allotments:

Timber Canyon: Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004294	Adamson Spring	004131	Bull Hollow Spring
436465	Cow Hollow Spring	431327	Jackson Hollow Spring
436511	Johnson Spring	436768	Pine Hollow Spring
436766	Sagers Spring	004540	Twin Hollow Spring
436462	Remund Well Spr. Pipeline	004213	Timber Canyon Bdry Fence
004372	Cow Hollow Drift	004477	Pine Hollow Unit Fence
004271	Pine Hollow Drift Fence	004271A	Pine Hollow Drift
004342	Water-Grassy-Bumper		

Long Ridge: Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
004298	RF Lion Hollow Spring	004491	East Bumper Spring
436475	Tall Timber Spring	436478	Lion Spring
436521	Water Hollow Spring	436527	Bumper Spring
436528	East Bumper Spring	436523	Nichols Spring
436769	Water Hollow Spring 2	004388	Lion Hollow Boundary Fence

004272	Water-Grassy--Bumper Fence	004344	Water Hollow Drift Fence
004476	Water Hollow Unit Fence		

Noxious Weed Control

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts and Duchesne County. Musk Thistle has been found in Timber Canyon. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please take contact Amber Helmus.

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should occur on the alluvial fans vegetated with bullgrass. **Do not** salt in or near the stream corridor.

Actual Use Record

The **actual use record and maintenance report** included with these operating instructions **needs to be filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season**. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 781-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
District Ranger

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2018 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Timber Canyon/Long Ridge 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	Order of Use	Dates Used	
		From	To
Timber Canyon, Rough Canyon, Bumper-Grassy, Water Hollow, Lion Hollow	1 st		
Jackson-Shotgun-Upper Timber	2 nd		
Cow-Calf, Pine Hollow	3 rd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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