

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Strawberry Sheep Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instruction**

Permittee
Wilson Brothers Livestock

Number of Livestock
145

Season of Use
June 16 to October 15

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Grazing Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Bowen	1 st	6/16 - 7/16	50%
Tomahawk	1 st	6/16 - 7/16	50%
Minnie	1 st	6/16 - 7/16	50%
Shotgun	Trailing	One Day	
Slab	2 nd	7/17 - 9/30	50%
Shand	2 nd	7/17 - 9/30	50%
Shotgun	Trailing	One Day	
Banjo	3 rd	10/1 – 10/15	50%

Utilization will be monitored closely, especially in key areas. Cattle should be kept on Ashley National Forest land and any cattle wondering off the designated grazing allotment should be corrected as soon as possible.

Timber Creek will be the boundary for the sub units. The dates of use above are to be used as a guideline. Allowable use is 50% in all units. When allowable use is met on each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit outlined in the rotation. It will be the permittees' responsibility to gauge utilization. A range technician will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements.

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 Instruction Meeting

A meeting was not held; however phone conversation with Don Wilson occurred April 18, 2018 to determine numbers, time, and strategy. The following items were discussed:

1. The livestock conversion is complete and the permit was signed last year. Permittee will have to construct a few drift fences to help keep cattle on the allotment. The forest service will work be working with cultural resources to get those fences cleared.

2. 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.
3. Drought was also discussed. Closer to the June 16 on date permittees may be notified of actions that need to be taken.

Maintenance of Improvements

All water developments must be maintained before the livestock 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 sheep enter the allotment to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Forest technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. When reworking improvements, all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) must be removed from forest property.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
436531	Bown Corral Spring	436765	Slab Canyon Spring
004287	Strawberry Stock Pond	004391	Slab Canyon Pond 1
004392	Slab Canyon Pond 2	436515	Bown Corral Res. 1
004397	Jacob Reservoir	004484	Pine Hollow Reservoir
004514	Aagard Pond	004524	Stock Pond 1
431192	Bown Corral Res. 2	431195	Beaver Reservoir
431330	RF Cottonwood Res.	431351	LF Cottonwood Res.
436457	\$1200 Ridge Reservoir	436463	Pierre Reservoir
436458	Slab Canyon Reservoir	436508	Upper Slab Reservoir
436509	Spruce Reservoir	436525	Tomahawk Reservoir
436768	Pine Hollow Pond		

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. 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 not occur near key areas (seeded species and stream corridor). **Do not** salt in or near creeks and wet meadows.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record maintenance report needs to be **filled out and returned immediately** following the grazing season. We will contact you if we do not receive your report by October 31st. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 781-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
District Ranger

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2018 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Strawberry

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
Bowen	1 st		
Tomahawk	1 st		
Minnie	1 st		
Shotgun	Trailing		
Slab	2 nd		
Shand	2 nd		
Shotgun	Trailing		
Banjo	3 rd		
Bowen	1 st		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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