

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Duchesne Ranger District  
Slab Canyon Allotment  
2018 Annual Operating Instruction**

**Permittee**  
BFR, LLC

**Number of Livestock**  
80

**Season of Use**  
July 1 to September 30

**Grazing Schedule**

| <b>Unit Name</b> | <b>Sequence</b> | <b>Dates of Use</b> | <b>Allowable Use</b> |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Lower Slab       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 7/1 – 7/21          | 50%                  |
| Giles            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 7/22 – 8/13         | 50%                  |
| Shand            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 8/14– 9/4           | 50%                  |
| Upper Slab       | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 9/4 – 9/30          | 50%                  |

The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. As stated above, allowable use is 50% in all units. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. 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](http://www.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY) before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

**Annual Operating Plan Meeting**

Annual meeting was held March 8, 2018 in Heber City, UT. Burke Roney, Luke, Darryl Sorensen and Amber Helmus were in attendance. The following items were discussed.

1. Burke stated they will be going up and working on all the water developments as soon as conditions allow. May need some cow panels to fence around spring headboxes. Also, fencing materials and troughs may be needed as the permittee continues to replace old improvements. Contact Amber for materials.
2. Permittee worked on the \$1200 Ridge fence last year and fix the section into Beaver and this summer plan to repair the section going into Slab. Contact Amber for materials.
3. Permittee’s mentioned Point Spring needs some work this year. Powder River 12ft galvanized trough and some panels are needed to improve the spring. Contact Amber for materials.

### **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 to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

### **Improvement Checklist**

| <b>Improvement Number</b> | <b>Improvement Name</b> | <b>Improvement Number</b> | <b>Improvement Name</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 004404                    | Ridge Boundary Fence    | 004240                    | Slab Canyon Drift Fence |
| 004424                    | Slab Canyon Drift Fence | 436454                    | Shand Spring            |
| 436456                    | Point Spring            | 436458                    | Childs Spring           |
| 004390                    | Slab Canyon Waterline   |                           |                         |

### **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 Slab Canyon. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please take contact Amber Helmus.

### **Actual Use Record**

The actual use record and 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 31<sup>st</sup>. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 781-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thank for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves  
District Ranger

Amber Helmus  
Rangeland Management Specialist

**2018 Actual Use Record**

ALLOTMENT NAME Slab Canyon 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 |
| Upper Slab | 1 <sup>st</sup> |            |    |
| Giles      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |            |    |
| Shand      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |            |    |
| Lower Slab | 4 <sup>th</sup> |            |    |

LOSSES: NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSES \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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