

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Right Fork Indian Canyon Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Plan**

Permittee
Shawn McConkie

Number of Cattle
100

Season of Use
June 14 to September 23

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Half Moon - Right Fork	1 st	6/14 – 7/14	50%
Trail Hollow	2 nd	7/15 – 8/18	50%
Twelve Mile	2 nd	7/15 – 8/18	50%
Six Mile -Sterling Hollow	3 rd	8/20 – 9/23	50%

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. 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 (stream corridor). 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 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.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual operating meeting was held on April 17, 2018 in Duchesne, Utah. Mar McConkie and Sandy Kaminski were present. The following items were discussed:

1. 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.
2. Mar would like to extend a pipeline down Sterling Hollow from Sterling Hollow Spring to the middle of the drainage. The spring source is protected. There is an old pipeline there but ½ mile of new pipe and a tire trough are needed.
3. Mar would like to look at the potential for developing the spring located in a side draw half way up Sixmile.
4. Forest Plan revision and range hot topics meeting were discussed. Notes from this meeting can be found on the Ashley National Forest web page.

- Sage Grouse Management Plan implementation was discussed. Adjustments were made to the habitat map this year based on field reviews. The Right Fork of Indian Canyon allotment is not within an occupied Lek Buffer nor does it contain Habitat Management Areas.

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. The following improvements are on the Right Fork Indian Canyon Allotment:

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004203	12 Mile Drift Fence	004225	Six Mile Drift Fence
004226	Right Fork Drift Fence	004364	Sterling Hollow Drift Fence
004373	12 Mile-Trail Hollow fence	436578	Half Moon Spring
436583	Rock Bottom Spring	436592	Red Pine Spring
436597	Six Mile Spring	436651	Twelve Mile Spring
436657	Trail Hollow Spring	436662	Dog Spring
436912	Camp Spring		

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 is present along the stream in the Right Fork of Indian Canyon, up Six mile and in other locations on the allotment. Whitetop has also been found on the allotment. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please take contact 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.

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should occur as far from the stream as possible and placed on the alluvial fans vegetated with bullgrass. Again, **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 Sandy Kaminski at (435) 781-5221 or cell (435) 790-7011. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
District Ranger

2018 Actual Use RecordALLOTMENT NAME Right Fork Indian 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
Half Moon - Right Fork	1st		
Trail Hollow	2nd		
Twelve Mile	2nd		
Six Mile -Sterling Hollow	3rd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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