

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Rhoades Canyon Cattle or Sheep Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

Rhoades Canyon Sheep/Goat Allotment

Permittee Ken Moon	Number of Livestock 325	Season of Use July 16 to August 16
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Rhoades Canyon Cattle Allotment

Permittee Ken Moon	Number of Livestock 125	Season of Use July 16 to September 1
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Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Dates of Use	Type of Livestock	Allowable Use
Upper Rhoades Canyon	7/16 – 8/15	Cattle	50%
Trail Hollow	8/16 – 9/1	Cattle	50%
Rhoades Canyon	7/16 – 8/15	Sheep	50%
Iron Mine	8/16 – 9/1	Sheep	50%

The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. Cattle will not be permitted below the rockslide in Rhoades Canyon, Left Fork Rhoades Canyon, and Iron Mine Creek. The permittee will haul water. Cattle will need to be kept off the Uinta National Forest. Salt and water and a herder will be used to control cattle movement. Grazing outside of the specifications will result in permittee non-compliance.

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 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

An annual operating plan meeting was held March 14, 2018 at the Duchesne District Office with Ken Moon, Darryl Sorensen and Amber Helmus in attendance. The following items were discussed:

1. Ken also mentioned that he would like to replace pipe on the Rhoades Canyon pipeline because the pipe gets damaged from the road grader. Amber mentioned that the Forest Service has two poly welders that are available to use and to contact Amber for materials and poly welder.

Maintenance of Improvements

All range improvements must be maintained before the livestock will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact our office **five** days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect these improvements. When reworking improvements, all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) must be removed from forest property. Forest Service personnel may randomly inspect range improvements on the allotment.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
004471	Rhoades Canyon Spring	002372	Moon Spring
435635	Rhoades Canyon Reservoir 1	004297	McDonald Spring
435638	Rhoades Canyon Reservoir 2	435636	Spruce Spring Reservoir
435641	Rhoades Canyon Reservoir 3	004778	Rhoades Canyon Pipeline
004547	Rhoades Canyon Waterline		

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 pertaining to 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 Rhoades 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	Type of Livestock	Dates Used	
			From	to
Upper Rhoades Canyon	1 st	cattle		
Trail Hollow	2 nd	cattle		
Rhoades Canyon	1 st	sheep		
Iron Mine	2 nd	sheep		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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