

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Pigeon Water Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Terry Abbott	47	June 16 to September 26
Eugene Jensen	25	June 16 to September 26
Aaron Abbott	70	June 16 to September 26
Total Herd Size	142	

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Gooseberry	1 st	6/16 – 7/11	50%
Salt Barrel	2 nd	7/12 – 8/6	50%
Upper	3 rd	8/7 – 9/1	50%
Pigeon Water	4 th	9/2 – 9/26	50%

The dates 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. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. 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 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. If allowable use is achieved on each unit before September 26th, cattle will leave the allotment.

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 before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Maintenance of Improvements

All fences and water developments will 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 improvements prior to and during the grazing season. All water developments will be maintained jointly by all the permittees, but the fence maintenance is assigned in the second table below.

Range Improvement Checklist

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004341	Pigeon Water-Dry Ridge F.	004337	Pigeon Water Boundary F.
004527	Pigeon Water Boundary F.	452670	Bear Wallow Spring
004259	Pigeon Water Division F.	004145	Pigeon Water Pipeline
004260	Pigeon Water Division F.	004295	Unit 2 Pipeline
004261	Pigeon Water Division F.	435270	Willow Spring
004262	Pigeon Water Unit Fence	435277	Pigeon Water Spring
004336	Pigeon Water Boundary F.	435278	Gooseberry Spring

Fence Maintenance Checklist

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Assigned Fence Improvement</u>
Terry Abbott	Dry Ridge-Boundary Fence
Eugene Jensen	Pigeon Water Spring gate heading West
Aaron Abbott	Pigeon Water Spring gate heading East to East Allotment Bdry Fence
Terry & Aaron Abbott	East Allotment Boundary fence
Aaron Abbott	Boundary fence between Upper-Pigeon Water units & Salt Barrel-Pigeon Water Units
Eugene Jensen	Boundary fence between Pigeon water and Gooseberry unit.
Pine Reath Ranch	South Boundary fence west of Pigeon Water road & West Allotment boundary fence along Tribal lands & along Pigeon Water road to the gate in Section 12.
Terry Abbott-Pine Reath Ranch	Fence from gate in Section 12, north through drainage, to ridge above Corner Spring.

Weed Control

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, whitetop, giant whitetop, Russian knapweed, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts, along with Duchesne County. Your help in controlling weeds is needed. If you find any of the above listed weeds, please report the location to Amber Helmus.

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held on March 20, 2018 in Duchesne, Utah. Those present at the included Eugene Jensen, Aaron Abbott, Bobby Mitchell, Darryl Sorensen and Amber Helmus.

1. Permittees mentioned that they will need t-posts to continue replacing the old wooden posts in all the fences. The net wire sections of the fence need to be fixed. Contact Amber for materials.
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.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record maintenance report **needs to be filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season**. Actual use records need to be filled out completely, including dates on and off each unit. **Permittees need to turn in separate actual use reports**. 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 _____ Pigeon Water 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	Date Used	
		From	To
Gooseberry	1 st		
Salt Barrel	2 nd		
Upper	3 rd		
Pigeon Water	4 th		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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