

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District  
Petty Mountain Cattle Allotment  
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season</u>
Eric Fisher	265		June 21 to September 8
Ute Tribal Enterprises		50	June 21 to September 8
Total Herd Size	265	50	

**Grazing Schedule**

<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Number of Cattle</b>	<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Dates of Use</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Mackentire		1 <sup>st</sup>	6/21 – 7/16	50%
East Petty Mountain		1 <sup>st</sup>	6/21 – 7/16	50%
West Petty Mountain		3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/25 – 9/08	50%
Parks		2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/17 – 8/29	50%
Long Park*	80	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/17 – 8/29	50%
Toquer-Fish Creek*	50	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/17 – 8/29	50%
Little Meadow*	25	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/17 – 8/29	50%
Wild Horse*	40	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/17 – 8/29	50%
Wilderness		2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/25 – 8/29	40%
West Park	60	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/25 – 8/29	40%
Swasey Hole	0			0%

**\*At least the number of cattle indicated will be put into these units first with the residue in the Parks. By August 29<sup>th</sup> cattle will move out of the Parks to the West Petty unit.**

The dates above are to be used as guidelines. All cattle will enter and graze the East Petty Mountain and Mackentire units first. Cattle will be kept out of the West Petty Mountain Unit. Around July 22<sup>nd</sup> or when utilization has been met, cattle will then enter the Parks unit and be distributed in Long Park, Toquer-Fish Creek, Little Meadow, and Wild Horse areas. Mill Park, Center Park, and Cow Park will not have cattle placed within them initially. For the Parks unit: at least the number of cattle indicated above will be put into Long Park, Toquer-Fisher Creek, Little Meadow, and Wild Horse. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, approximately 60 head of cattle will be gathered and placed in West Park. The Swasey Hole will not be grazed this year. Cattle will graze the West Petty Mountain unit last. Cattle will leave the allotment when utilization is met on all units or on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is allowable use. As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in most units. In the wilderness units, allowable use is 40%. A 4” stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. sedges) shall be left in all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows) following the grazing season. Prior to July 20<sup>th</sup>, residual stubble height following grazing may exceed 4” (regrowth will occur prior to first hard freeze). After July 20<sup>th</sup>, grazing cannot exceed the 4” stubble height. Permittees should closely monitor key areas. 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 have been removed from the stalks), which indicates about 60% use or greater. Notable key riparian areas on the allotment include Cow Park, Little Meadow,

Hells Canyon Creek to Mill Park, Fish Creek-Toquer Lake, and wilderness wet meadows. When allowable use is met in the key areas of each unit, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit.

No salting is allowed in Cow, Mill, lower Long, and Center Parks. Salting will occur towards the outer pastures (i.e. Wild Horse, Upper Long Park, and Fish Creek) and salting areas will occur in timbered areas and not within the meadows or openings. Permittee horses are not authorized to graze in the Mill Park Enclosure, only in the administrative horse pasture. Permittee horses are only allowed in the administrative pasture when they are needed in that area to manage livestock.

It is the permittees responsibility to gauge utilization on each unit. Range personnel will regularly visit the allotment to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements. Exceeding allowable use standards is not permitted. If compliance is not met, permittees will be sent notices of non-compliance and associated requirements to address the violation(s). Continued violations following non-compliance may lead to permit action.

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.

#### **Allotment Meeting Notes**

A meeting was held on May 15, 2018. Those present in the meeting were Eric Fisher, Dean Fisher, Will Scott, Darryl Sorensen and Sandy Kaminski. 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.
2. The Petty Creek/Lake Fork drift fence (#3115) requires annual maintenance due to elk trailing and trees coming down on it.
3. When cattle move from the lower units into the Parks unit, they will be distributed into upper Long Park, Wild Horse Ridge, Toquer-Fish Creek, and other perimeter forage areas first. Cattle will **not** be placed into Mill, Center, lower Long, and Cow Parks first.
4. All Fisher Yellowstone cattle will be ear tagged with purple and red. No purple and red-tagged cattle are authorized to graze the Petty Mountain allotment. If cattle with purple and red ear tags are found on the Petty Mountain allotment the permittees need to remove them from the allotment.
5. Permittees make sure the Little Meadow enclosure fence is cattle proof prior to entering the park. Cattle are not allowed within the enclosure. A Forest Service employee will do the overall maintenance of the fence.
6. Eric would like to extend the Mill Creek water development by adding a trough further out to pull cattle away from Mill Park Creek. NEPA will need to be done prior to construction.
7. Salt Creek troughs need to be replaced. Contact Sandy for materials.

8. Eric would like to look at installing two new water troughs and associated pipelines. The first would be out on the point from Mule Creek and the second would be out of Transfer Springs onto the point half mile to the west. NEPA will need to be done prior to construction.
9. The Mackentire and Cemetery troughs have rusted through and need to be replaced.
10. Forest Plan revision and range hot topics meeting were discussed. Notes from this meeting can be found on the Ashley National Forest web page.
11. Sage Grouse Management Plan implementation was discussed. Adjustments were made to the habitat map this year based on field reviews. The Petty allotment does not contain Habitat Management Areas.

**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. A Forest technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. All water developments will be maintained jointly by all the permittees.

**Range Improvement Checklist**

<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
3012	McKune Spring
3081	Mackentire Spring
3123	Hells Canyon Drift Fence
	Yellow Ledges Drift Fence
3013	Flea Flat Trough
3079	Long Park Spring #2
3080	Topping Out Spring
3193	Swasey Hole Drift Fence
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3099	Center Park Spring
3518	Little Meadow Spring
3121	Cow Park-Little Meadow Drift Fence
3115	Petty Creek Drift Fence
3336	Lower Fish Creek Drift Fence
3517	West Park Spring
	Boundary Fences on Private Property
3097	Wild Horse Spring
	Transfer Spring
3512	Lower & Main Mackentire Troughs
	Raspberry Drift Fence
3127	Mackentire Drift Fence
3148	Lake Fork-Yellow Ledges Boundary

### **Multiple Use Considerations**

A concentrated effort is being made to control Musk Thistle, Canada Thistle, Whitetop, Giant Whitetop, Russian Knapweed and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts, along with Duchesne and Uintah counties. Your help in controlling weeds is needed. If you find any of the above listed weeds, please report the location to 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.

### **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 Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Petty Mountain

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 in the allotment

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates Used	
		From	To
Mackentire	1st		
West Petty Mountain	1st		
East Petty Mountain	3rd		
Parks	2nd		
Long Park*	2nd		
Toquer-Fish Creek*	2nd		
Little Meadow*	2nd		
Wild Horse*	2nd		
Wilderness	2nd		
Swasey Hole	2nd		
West Park	Rest		

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

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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