

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Mule Creek On-Off Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season</u>
Kim Fisher - Forest Permitted	7		June 1 to August 31
Kim Fisher – Private (cow/calf)	27		June 1 to August 31
Todd & Susan Thacker – Forest Permitted	0	8	June 1 to August 31
Todd & Susan Thacker – Private (cow/calf)	0	33	June 1 to August 31
Total Herd Size	86		

Grazing Schedule

<u>Unit Name</u>	<u>Dates of Use</u>	<u>Allowable Use</u>
Mule Creek	6/01 – 08/31	50%

The grazing season will be from June 1st to August 31. As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas. A 4” to 6” 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.

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 at the Duchesne District Office with Kim Fisher, Peggy Fisher and Sandy Kaminski present.

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. Kim mentioned that cattle from the Lake Fork Allotment that were entering his allotment and grazing for an extended period of time had improved. FS will remind the Lake Fork permittees to lock all gates and notify Kim before entering his property for livestock issues.
3. Mule Creek will be run as one allotment with two units. Permittees are responsible for building the division fence. Until the fence is built, permittees have permission to graze each other’s property.
4. Sandy discussed the Lake Fork Vegetative improvement project which is currently being analyzed. A small area of lop and scatter is proposed within the south west corner of the Mule Creek Allotment.

Forest Plan revision and range hot topics meeting were discussed. Notes from this meeting can be found on the Ashley National Forest web page.

5. Sage Grouse Management Plan implementation was discussed. Adjustments were made to the habitat map this year based on field reviews. The Mule Creek allotment is not within a General Habitat Management Area.

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. Musk thistle is common on the allotment. Forest personnel will visit the allotment periodically to spray musk thistle and Canada thistle. If you find any of the other noxious weeds listed above, please report them 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 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. We appreciate your help and cooperation on the Mule Creek Allotment. If you have concerns, please contact Sandy Kaminski at 435-781-5221 or cell 435-790-7011.

Kristy Groves
District Ranger

2018 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Mule Creek 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 in the allotment

Dates Used

Unit Name	From	To
Mule Creek		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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