

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
McAfee Basin Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
Ron Miles	<u>79</u>	July 1 to September 30
Total Herd Size	79	

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Lower Basin	1 st	7/1 – 7/19	50%
Rock Lake	2 nd	7/20 – 8/4	50%
Middle	3 rd	8/5 – 8/29	50%
Corral Creek	4 th	8/30 – 9/30	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. sedges) shall be left in all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows). 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 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 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.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual operating meeting was held on March 29, 2018 in Duchesne. Those in attendance were Ron Miles, Darryl Sorensen and Amber Helmus. The following items were discussed:

1. Permittees mentioned they need two Rubbermaid troughs and a roll of pipe to finish replacing the North Rim Spring and Ledge Spring this summer. Contact Amber for materials.
2. Darryl mentioned he checked a few fences last year and said that the boundary fence needs more work this summer. Ron mentioned that Meadow, Basin, and McAfee Basin Drift fences can be put on the list for the dedicated hunters.
3. 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.

4. Drought was also discussed. Closer to the July 1 on date permittees may be notified of actions that need to be taken.

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 to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004255	Meadow Unit Fence	004256	Basin Unit Fence
004257	Dugway Fence	004358	McAfee Drift Fences
004187	Rock Lake Spring	004451	Koefert Spring
435695	Rock Lake Spring #2	435698	Ledge Spring
435691	Timothy Spring	435696	Upper Ledge Spring

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should not occur near key areas but in areas that generally receive light use normally. **Do not** salt in open parks and meadows, and adjacent to water. Remove salt from those areas that have reached proper utilization.

Multiple Use Considerations

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. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please contact Amber Helmus.

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.** 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 your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
District Ranger

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2018 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME McAfee Basin

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
Lower Basin	1 st		
Rock Lake	2 nd		
Middle	3 rd		
Corral Creek	4 th		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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