

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Log Hollow Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

| <u>Permittee</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Season of Use</u> |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Dennis Jones | 74 | June 22 to September 21 |
| Brent Lee | 66 | June 22 to September 21 |
| Floyd Lyons | <u>122</u> | June 22 to September 21 |
| Total Herd Size | 262 | |

Grazing Schedule

| <u>Unit Name</u> | <u>Sequence</u> | <u>Dates of Use</u> | <u>Allowable Use</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Burnt Ridge –Squaw Creek | 1 st | 6/22 – 7/22 | 50% |
| Upper Log Hollow | 2 nd | 7/23– 8/17 | 50% |
| Right Fork Log Hollow-Big Ridge | 3 rd | 8/18 – 9/21 | 50% |

The dates are to be used only as guidelines. Cattle will enter the allotment July 1. All 262 head of cattle will enter and graze the Burnt Ridge –Squaw Creek Unit first. Upper Log Hollow will be grazed second and the Right Fork Log Hollow-Big Ridge Unit will be grazed last.

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 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. Exceeding allowable use will not be tolerated. In Right Fork of Log Hollow and on Big Ridge, salt will be placed on slopes above the canyon and away from the canyon bottoms and roads. Remove salt out from grazed units and don't salt the next unit until the cattle are ready to enter that unit.

Forest personnel 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 \$1.41 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.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual meeting was held May 9, 2017 at the Duchesne office with Brent Lee, Dennis Jones, Rick Lyons, Darryl Sorensen and Sandy Kaminski present. 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. Permittees need to watch utilization closely and move cattle before 50% use is reached.

2. The permittees continue to have problems with recreationist chasing and injuring cattle on ATV's in the Big Ridge area. ATV's are traveling off designated roads and trails in this area as well as upper Log Hollow. Recreations are also camping next to water troughs and constructing fences around the troughs to make horse corrals making it so cattle can't come in to drink in the Log Hollow area. Sandy will let the Forest Protection Office know about these problems. Permittees are to notify Sandy when they see these activities occurring this summer.
3. The Ute Tribe purchased Red Rock Corporation property. The boundary fence has been in relative disrepair for several years and needs reconstructed. Permittees and the Forest Service will work with the Ute Tribe to keep the fence maintained. The permittees worked on portions of the fence last summer.
4. The Hell Hole Spring was running water last summer and a new trough was installed by Rick.
5. Two 8 ft sheep panels are needed for the ridge fence.
6. Brent Lee will continue to serve as association president.
7. Forest Plan revision and range hot topics meeting were discussed. Notes from this meeting can be found on the Ashley National Forest web page.
8. Sage Grouse Management Plan implementation was discussed. Adjustments were made to the habitat map this year based on field reviews. The Log Hollow allotment is not within an occupied Lek Buffer nor does it contain Habitat Management Areas.

Range Improvements

All improvements must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter a unit. Forest Service personnel will randomly inspect improvements during the grazing season. Improvements are to be maintained jointly by the association.

Improvement Checklist

| Improvement Name | Improvement # | Improvement Name | Improvement # |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Log Hollow Boundary Fence | 004288 | West Burnt Ridge Fence | 004530 |
| Log Hollow Drift Fence | 004217 | Red Rock Boundary Fence | 004531 |
| Rock Spring | 435686 | Berley Spring – not running water | 004171 |
| Hell Hole Spring | 004172 | Hell Hole Spring | 004528 |
| Burnt Ridge Spring | 435685 | Upper Farm Creek Spring | 435684 |
| Sterling Spring | 436572 | Horse Hair Spring | 435690 |
| Elk Spring Pipeline | 435700 | Big Ridge Spring | 435703 |
| Log Hollow Pipeline | 004776 | Elk Spring | 434292 |
| Rock Spring Pipeline | 435686A | | |

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**. Each permittee needs to turn in a separate actual use reports. 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

**ACTUAL USE RECORD
2018**

ALLOTMENT NAME Log Hollow

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 |
| Burnt Ridge –Squaw Creek | 1st | | |
| Upper Log Hollow | 2nd | | |
| Right Fork Log Hollow-Big Ridge | 3rd | | |

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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