

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Left Fork Indian Canyon Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee	Number of Head	Season of Use
Alvin & Geri Nielsen	62	June 16 – October 15
Rodney Nielsen	7 Horses	June 16 – October 15
Joe and Tiffany Miles	<u>30</u>	June 16 – October 15
Total Herd Size	99	

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Spring Hollow	1 st	06/16 – 07/31	50%
Lower Canyon	2 nd	08/01 – 09/15	50%
Jones Hollow	3 rd	09/16 – 10/15	50%

The dates of use above are to be used 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. wiregrass) shall be left in the stream corridor. Permittees should closely monitor key areas (stream corridors). 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

Annual meeting was held March 22, 2018 in Duchesne, Utah with Alvin Nielsen, Joe Miles, Darryl Sorensen and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Permittee mentioned that he needed about 20 t-posts and 1 roll barb wire to replace a portion of Spring Hollow fence. Contact Amber for materials.
2. Alvin mentioned he needed 4 cedar posts for Doe Spring. Contact Amber for materials.

3. Darryl mentioned that Nielsen Spring needs a fence around the spring. Permittees mentioned they would like 4 cedar posts and a few wire panels to protect the spring. They also would like a rubbermaid trough.
4. Permittees mentioned that they need a gate to put around North spring Hollow and they would supply the pipe for the fence. They also need a rubbermaid trough at the spring. Contact Amber for materials.
5. Permittees mentioned that Jones Spring #1 needs a new headbox and fence around the spring. Permittees need 6 cedar posts. Contact Amber for materials.

Maintenance of Improvements

All improvements must be maintained before cattle will be allowed to enter the first unit to be grazed. Please contact our office **five** days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements. Also, as discussed in the annual meeting all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire etc.) need to be removed from the National Forest. The following improvements are on the Left Fork Indian Canyon Allotment:

Improvement Checklist

Permittee	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen	Clay Spring	436594
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen	Doe Spring	436685
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen	Jones Spring #4	436679
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen	Jones Hollow Private Fence #1	
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen	Jones Hollow Private Fence #2	004198
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	Jones Spring #2	436598
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	Lookout Spring	436674
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	North Spring Hollow Spring	436678
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	Upper Jones Spring	436686
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	Devils Slide Spring	436680
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	Indian Canyon Boundary Fence	004210
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	Jones Spring #1	436601
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	Nielsen Spring	437059
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	Swede Spring	436677
Alvin & Geri Nielsen & Joe and Tiffany Miles	Spring Hollow Drift Fence	004211

Noxious Weed Control

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. Musk Thistle, whitetop, and Russian knapweed have been found in Left Fork Indian Canyon. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please take contact Amber Helmus.

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should occur on the alluvial fans vegetated with bullgrass. **Do not** salt in or near the stream corridor.

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) 738-5205 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 Left Fork Indian Canyon

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	Order of Use	Dates Used	
		From	To
Spring Hollow	1 st		
Lower Canyon	2 nd		
Jones Hollow	3 rd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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