

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Horse Ridge Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee
Bar W Angus Cattle CO LLC

Number
150

Season
July 1 to September 30

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Flat Ridge	1 st	7/1 – 7/31	50%
Fossil Ridge	2 nd	8/1– 8/31	50%
Horse Ridge	3 rd	9/1 – 9/30	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. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the units 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. A range technician will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements.

The grazing fee will be \$1.41 per head month 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 meeting was held in March 19, 2018 at the Duchesne District Office with Korey Wright, Darryl Sorensen and Amber Helmus present. The following items were discussed:

1. Korey mentioned that they will be working on constructing a fence on the BLM’s property. This fence will prevent forest permitted cattle from drifting off the allotment as well as keeping livestock from private property from drifting onto the Horse Ridge Allotment.
2. Korey mentioned he needed 3 tire troughs to reconstruct Weasel Spring, Split Spring and Olsen Spring. Korey planned to contact Amber in June so that the Forest Service could purchase the requested tires.
3. Korey mentioned that they worked on fences last summer and turned majority of the fences into lay down fences and will continue to check them every year.
4. Drought was discussed and closer to the on date numbers and time may need to be adjusted.

Maintenance of Improvements

All improvements must be maintained before cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements on the allotment. The following improvements are associated with the Horse Ridge Allotment:

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
043661	Weasel Spring	436614	Ostler Corral Spring
004454	Fossil Spring	436617	Seep Spring
436618	Horse Ridge Spring	436619	Flat Ridge Spring
436622	Olsen Spring	436626	Nettle Spring
436637	Steer Spring	436638	Split Spring
004208	Horse Ridge Boundary Fence	004488	Reservation Boundary Fence

Noxious Weed Control

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, spotted knapweed, tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts and Duchesne County. Musk Thistle and spotted knapweed have been found on the Horse Ridge allotment. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please take 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**. 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 Horse Ridge

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
Flat Ridge	1 st		
Fossil Ridge	2 nd		
Horse Ridge	3 rd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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