

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
Bastian Livestock LLC	276	June 09 to September 08
Gordon Bastian	18	June 09 to September 08
Kent Bastian	60	June 09 to September 08
Steven Tew	92	June 09 to September 08
Maclain & Carson Miles	<u>130</u>	June 09 to September 08
Total Herd Size	576	

**Grazing Schedule**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sequence</u>	<u>Dates of Use</u>	<u>Allowable Use</u>
Boundary-Cart Hollow	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/09 – 7/18	50%
Hominy Creek	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/09 – 7/18	50%
Buck Ridge	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/09 – 7/18	50%
Upper Buck Ridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/19 – 8/18	50%
Pole Creek-Bennion Park	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/19 – 8/18	50%
Snake John	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/19 – 9/08	50%
Bull Pasture	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/19 – 9/08	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) following the grazing season. **When allowable use in the key areas is met in each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit.** Forest Service 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).

576 head of cattle are scheduled to graze Bull Pasture, Snake John and Boundary-Cart Hollow units first. Once utilization is met, cattle will move and be dispersed into and Pole Creek-Bennion Park and Buck Ridge units. Then cattle will graze the Upper Buck Ridge and Hominy Creek units last.

Grazing fees will be \$1.41 per head month this year. *Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures 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.

### **Riding-Distribution**

Permittees will be required to provide adequate herding on the allotment. Adequate distribution of livestock will help reduce concentrated use in the key areas (i.e. meadows, stream bottoms). Key areas are those rangelands or riparian areas on the allotment most preferred by livestock and are typically grazed first and receive the most concentrated use. When allowable use is met in key areas, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit or removed from the allotment if it is the last scheduled unit to be grazed. Utilization cages or ocular utilization examinations may be used to determine actual use by livestock.

Use salt as necessary to aide in the distribution of the cattle. Place salt far away from key areas, water, and meadows. Salt needs to be used to help draw cattle into areas that are usually grazed lightly.

### **Annual Operating Planning Meeting**

The annual meeting was held on April 18, 2018 in Roosevelt, UT. Kent Bastian, Gordan and Michele Bastian, Brent Bastian, Dennis and Deanne Christensen, Steven Tew, Carson Miles and Sandy Kaminski were present. Items discussed include:

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. Permittees need to install two more gates on the new fences constructed after the burn. Most likely 12 foot gates are needed but Maclain or Carson will measure and let Sandy know.
3. The horse pasture fence near Snake John was rebuilt last summer, a 10 foot gate is needed to finish the project.
4. Permittees mentioned that ponds in the lower unit are full of sediment and need to be cleaned but they would need to use a large piece of equipment such as a trackhoe. Since the fire went through this area the ponds fill back in with sediment so fast the cost to clean them doesn't equal the benefit.
5. Sandy stressed the need to work on fence enclosures around water development spring sources. Contact Sandy for materials.
6. Analysis for the Sulphur Spring drift fence extension project is expected to be completed this summer. Contact Sandy for materials.
7. Fence near red pond needs to be rebuilt. Contact Sandy for materials.
8. Kent would like to replace the Wild Horse water development pipeline and trough this summer. He will need tire troughs for this. Contact Sandy for materials.
9. New Forest Service policy for requesting seasonal extension of grazing season was discussed. Requests must be submitted in writing to the District Ranger for review and decision.

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

11. Sage Grouse Management Plan implementation was discussed. Adjustments were made to the habitat map this year based on field reviews. The Farm Creek allotment contains summer and brood rearing habitat between Hominy Creek and the Forest boundary within the Snake John and Cart Hollow pastures as well as within the Bull Pasture and southern edge of the Buck Ridge pastures.

### **Maintenance of Improvements**

Permittees are responsible for the maintenance of range improvements assigned below. Time spent and any material purchased and used in completing maintenance should be recorded and the information turned in at the close of the grazing season. 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**

<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>	<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
Bastian Livestock	Russel Springs 1-3	Miles	Association Spring
Bastian Livestock	White Mule Spring	Miles	Snake John Complex(2 troughs)
Bastian Livestock	Elk Spring	Miles	Bath Tub trough
Bastian Livestock	Beaver Creek Complex (3 troughs and pipeline)	Miles	Upper Wildhorse (aka Lightning Killed Bull Spring)
Bastian Livestock	Cart Hollow Center Fork Spr	Miles	Rock Spring
Bastian Livestock	Fawn Spring	Miles	Colt Spring
Bastian Livestock	Ray's Spring	Miles	Wild Horse Drift thru Rock Spring fen.
Bastian Livestock	FS Bdry from Wild Horse Drift west, includes West Bdry along Pole Creek.	Kent Bastian	FS Bdry fence-Elk Horn GS to Wild Horse Draw Drift
Bastian Livestock	Cart Hollow-Bdry Spr Drift Fence	Kent Bastian	Snake John-Hominy Drift fence
Gordon Bastian	Olsen Spring	Kent Bastian	Snake John Basin troughs
Gordon Bastian	Davis Park Drift Fence	Kent Bastian	Robb's Spring
Steven Tew	Bull Past. Complex-2 troughs	Kent Bastian	Split Trough Spring
Steven Tew	Web Foot spring	Kent Bastian	Wild Horse Trail Spring
Steven Tew	Bull Pasture Fence (north & west)	Kent Bastian	Little Joe Meadow Spring
Steven Tew	Pvt. Land Farm Creek (north side)	Kent Bastian	Dark Canyon spring

Steven Tew	Horrocks Spring	Kent Bastian	Dark Canyon Drift Fence
Steven Tew	Stinky Pond Spring	Association	FS Bdry- West side of Farm Creek
Steven Tew	Woodard Spring	Association	The Holes
Association	Logged Up Water	Association	Pole Creek-Buck Ridge Drift fence
Association	Poison Camp	Association	Coal Mine Draw Drift

### **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 or Amber Helmus.

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

**2018 Actual Use Record**

ALLOTMENT NAME Farm 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 BY UNITS WITHIN ALLOTMENT (AS SHOWN ON MAP)

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates Used	
		From	To
Boundary-Cart Hollow	1st		
Hominy Creek	1st		
Buck Ridge	1st		
Upper Buck Ridge	2nd		
Pole Creek-Bennion Park	2nd		
Snake John	3rd		
Bull Pasture	3rd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSES \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: (Include needed range improvements and other proposed changes)

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