

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District
Dry Gulch Cattle Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee	Numbers	Non-use	Season of Use
Chad Richard	323	0	June 9 to September 14
Shaune Shiner	50	0	June 9 to September 14
Korey Walker	364	0	June 9 to September 14
Ute Tribe	<u>135</u>	<u>0</u>	June 9 to September 14
Total Herd Size	750	0	

Grazing schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Mud Springs-Burnt Mill-Limekiln	1 st	6/9 – 7/10	50%
Jefferson Park-Upper Dry Gulch	2 nd	7/11 – 8/15	50%
Jackson Park-Saddle Springs-The Holes	2 nd	7/11 – 8/15	50%
Crow Canyon ¹ -Bollie Lake	2 nd	7/11 – 8/15	40%
Swift Creek ¹	Rest	REST	0%
Dry Gulch-Timothy Creek	3 rd	8/16 – 9/14	50%

*Grazing units in the High Uintas Wilderness have a 40% allowable use.

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. Cattle will enter the allotment no earlier than June 9th. Cattle will enter the the Mud Springs-Burnt Mill-Limekiln unit first. When allowable use is met, cattle will be distributed in all the high country units **except** Swift Creek. In order to preserve feed for drifting livestock later on in the season, no cattle will be left in the lower elevations of the high country units (i.e. The Holes, Upper Dry Gulch), but placed in the higher country such as Jackson Park, Crow Canyon and Jefferson Park. Mid to late August, cattle will move into Dry Gulch-Timothy Creek unit and graze until the end of the grazing season. Cattle are scheduled to leave the allotment on September 14th.

Allowable use is the most important indicator when livestock should leave a unit(s). Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species is 50% in all units outside the High Uintas Wilderness. A 4” 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. Prior to July 20th, residual stubble height following grazing may exceed 4” (regrowth will occur prior to first hard freeze). After July 20th, grazing cannot exceed the 4” stubble height. A 40% allowable use is the standard guideline for grazing units inside the High Uintas Wilderness Area. 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 have been removed from the stalks), which indicates 60% use or greater. 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 per head month. 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.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual meeting was held April 5, 2018 at the Duchesne District Office. Those in attendance included Shaune Shiner, Chad Richard, Korey Walker, Gary Dean, Darryl Sorensen and Sandy Kaminski. 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. Jerry will be the herder on the allotment again this summer.
3. Shaune Shiner and Chad Richard will serve as association president and secretary/treasurer respectively.
4. The log worm fence at Jefferson Park still needs to be completed by the Ute Tribe. The Forest Service has been working with the Tribe to try to resolve boundary fencing issues.
5. Gary Dean with the BIA discussed coordination for the reconstruction of the east boundary fence. He was able to get some of the fence line cleared last fall and plans to have a crew work on it this summer as they're available.
6. The corral at the rider's camp was rebuilt in 2011. The association needs to weld wire panel into place and will plan on doing this if conditions aren't too dry. The Ute Tribe's needs to reconstruct their sorting pen.
7. The Mud Springs/Jackson Park pasture fence was reconstructed to Timothy Creek in 2017. The Association plans to reconstruct one mile of the Dry Gulch/Jefferson Park pasture fence from Timothy Creek east this summer. All other fences assigned to permittees will be maintained to Forest Service standards by June 16th.
8. A field meeting is scheduled for May 30th.
9. The 16' steel gate will be installed on the Dry Gulch road adjacent to the cattle guard. Chad has this gate and will install it this summer. The cattle guard is full of dirt and needs to be cleaned.
10. The cattle guard on the Timothy creek road is full of dirt and needs cleaned.
11. The ATV cattle guard in Timothy Creek does not stop cattle and needs to be replaced. The Forest Service has a new ATV cattle guard for this location and plans to install it this summer.
12. Analysis and water rights for the Burnt Mill pipeline extension and Corner Spring connector projects were discussed. The environmental analysis should be completed this summer.
13. Forest Plan revision and range hot topics meeting were discussed. Notes from this meeting can be found on the Ashley National Forest web page.

14. Sage Grouse Management Plan implementation was discussed. Adjustments were made to the habitat map this year based on field reviews. The Dry Gulch allotment is not within an occupied Lek Buffer nor does it contain Habitat Management Areas.

Maintenance of Improvements

Permittees are responsible for the maintenance of range improvements assigned below. All fences and water developments must be maintained by the assigned permittee before the cattle will be allowed to enter the specific unit. Please contact our office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **five** days before the cattle enter the unit to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. 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.

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Permittee	Improvement Name	Number	Permittee	Improvement Name	Number
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch Spring #1	434389	Korey Walker	Burn Mill/Dry Gulch #4	3004
Chad & Shaune	Jefferson Park Spring	434277	Korey Walker	West Burnt Mill	3515
Chad & Shaune	West Hardinger	3091	Korey Walker	77 Flat Tank (west side)	434382A
Chad & Shaune	Flattop #1	3094			
Chad & Shaune	Flattop #2	3095	Korey Walker	Burnt Mill #1	434381
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch-Red Ledges Bdry Fence (Ankar south)	3145	Korey Walker	Dry Gulch #5	434384
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch/Red Ledges/ Bdry Fence	3145	Chad Richard	Harding Division (Unit 1&2)	3133
Korey Walker	Hardinger Pasture and Corrals	3158	Korey Walker	Burnt Mill/Mud Spring (Unit 1&2)	3134
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch Road -Red Ledges Bdry Fence (Ankar north)	3145A	Chad Richard	Timothy-Crow Canyon (Units 3&4)	3135
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch Spring #3	434386	Korey Walker	Yellowstone Canyon to Division fence	3145
Korey Walker	Upper Holes (Adams)Spring	3502	Chad Richard	Dry Gulch #2	434722
Korey Walker	Saddle Springs/Dry Gulch #6	434262	Korey Walker	Lower Burnt Mill Reservoir	434385
Korey Walker	Mahogany Spring	3083	Korey Walker	Saddle Spring #2	3505
Chad Richard	Dry Gulch-Pole Fence	3124	Korey Walker	Dry Gulch Div. Fence	3130
Ute Tribe	Jefferson Park—Nat’l For. Bdry Fence	3001	Chad Richard	Dry Gulch Div.(Unit 1&4)	3131
Korey Walker	Aspen Springs/Dry Gulch #8	3008	Korey Walker	Holes Spring/Twin Spring	434261
	Big Meadow	3076	Chad Richard	Corner Spring	3082
Ute Tribe	Dry Gulch Boundary Fence		Korey Walker	Lime Kiln Spring	434371

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 or adjacent to water or troughs, but placed in timbered areas. 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 report locations 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
