

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number of Livestock</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Alarik Myrin (188)	200	126	June 16 to October 15
Ute Tribe Agricultural Products (138)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	June 16 to October 15
Total Herd Size	200	126	June 16 to October 15

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Cottonwood Ridge	1 st	6/16 – 8/15	50%
Tabby	2 nd	8/16 – 10/15	50%

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. Livestock will enter the Tabby unit first. Movement of livestock will depend upon available water and forage. Utilization should not exceed 50%.

The exchange use agreement with the Tribe will continue again this year. Alarik will graze the 138 head obligated to the Ute Tribe.

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

An annual operating meeting was held March 28, 2018 in Duchesne with Nils Myrin, Darryl Sorensen and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Project planning will focus on the Tabby Unit near Wild Horse and Government Spring which includes the installation of a solar pump and a bladder. Permittees said they will need approximately 2500' of pipe with connections for the water development. The extension can begin once the NEPA document is signed in June.

Once the water developments are installed and the NEPA is complete, the permittees can install a fence in the Big Trough area to disperse utilization. Nils mentioned he needed high tensile Guocho 14GA green coated 4 barbs wire, railroad ties for braces, 6ft t-posts and plastic ridged stays. Permittees picked up these materials last summer. Amber mentioned that the Range Improvement EA should be signed this June and will let the permittee know when materials are available and construction can begin.

2. Darryl mentioned Cripple Creek Boundary fence was inspected last year and the Cripple Creek section needs to be rebuilt. Contact Amber for materials.

3. Amber discussed the new direction on season of use and on and off dates. Permittees need to send a written request to the District Ranger several weeks in advance if they want a grazing extension. The District Ranger will determine if the request is granted.
4. Drought was also discussed. Closer to the June 1 on date permittees may be notified of actions that need to be taken.
5. Nils mentioned he needed to replace a trough on Trapper on Tabby Ridge. Contact Amber for materials.

Range Improvements

Below is a list of range improvements. The improvements need to meet Forest Service standards. Discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) need to be removed from forest property. Alarik Myrin will be responsible for the maintenance of all improvements on the allotment.

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Responsible	Improvement Name	Improvement #
Alarik Myrin	Cripple Creek Boundary Fence (3.8 miles)	4206
Alarik Myrin	Big Trough Spring	435911
Alarik Myrin	Government Spring	435914
Alarik Myrin	Marshall Spring	435921
Alarik Myrin	Potts Spring	435906
Alarik Myrin	Walker Spring	435909
Alarik Myrin	Wimmer Spring	435907
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Cottonwood-Tabby Drift Fence (3.5 miles)	4299
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Abbott Spring	4289
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Wildhorse Spring	4290
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Trapper Spring	435924
Ute Tribal Enterprises	East Tabby (Cactus)	435913
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Cripple Creek Spring	437058
Myrin-Ute Tribal Enterprises	Cottonwood Guzzler	4510

A concentrated effort is being made to control Musk Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts and Duchesne County. Please report new weed sites to Amber Helmus.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and maintenance report needs to be **filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season**. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, please contact Amber Helmus (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
District Ranger

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2018 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Cottonwood

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
Cottonwood Ridge	1 st		
Tabby	2 nd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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

