

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number Permitted</u>	<u>Season</u>
Robert Park	59	June 16 to September 30
Craig Thomas	59	June 16 to September 30
Max & Jake Fabrizio	59	June 16 to September 30
Total Herd Size	177	

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Middle Unit-Trail Hollow	1 st	6/16– 7/10	50%
Upper North Fork	2 nd	7/11 – 8/03	50%
Lower North Fork	3 rd	8/04 – 8/25	40%
West Slope	4 th	8/26 – 9/30	50%

Dates of use are to be used as guidelines. Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species is 50% and a 4” to 6” stubble height for riparian forage species in The Lower, Middle, and West Slope units. In the Upper unit, a 40% allowable use and a 6” stubble height for riparian species are standard guidelines because of 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 it (i.e. all grass seed heads have been removed from the stalks). Compliance of allowable use standards will be fully enforced.

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

Meeting was held at the Craig Thomas residence on April 2, 2018 with Craig Thomas, Max Fabrizio, Ben Park, Bob Park, Darryl Sorensen, and Amber Helmus present. The following was discussed:

1. Permittees mentioned that the trail up Trail Hollow towards Rhoades Canyon needed to be improved. Also, the trail by Iron Mine that crosses the river, the Swift Creek Trail and the trail up the Duchesne River needs cleared out. Forest Service will see if these trails can be on the list of projects for the dedicated hunters. Also, the West Slope old fence will be put on the list too.
2. Craig mentioned that a fence needed to be reconstructed in Unit 1 in order to keep livestock on the slope and out of the bottom of the canyon. This is a future project for the North Fork allotment and permittees will work on this when time permits.
3. Permittees mentioned that they plan to work on the pipeline for the Lower unit that is on the face of the slope. They have the pipe and plan to work on this project this spring. Contact Amber for the poly welder and any other materials.

4. Craig mentioned that the fence around Defas' Ranch needs maintenance. Defas' Ranch is responsible for maintaining the fence. Defas' fixed the fence last year and are planning to work on it again this summer. If permittee cattle enter the Ranch, please remove cattle as soon as possible.
5. Permittees mentioned they needed 6ft t-posts to replace the fence at the Syphon. T-posts are sinking in the ground and cattle are jumping the existing fence. They also need a 16ft gate to replace a panel at Syphon. Contact Amber for materials.
6. Permittees need a 12ft gate to put on the upper end of Iron Mine Campground. Contact Amber for materials.
7. Permittees mentioned campground fences need lots of repair. Amber will mentioned this to the Recreation program.
8. 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.
9. Drought was also discussed. Closer to the June 16 on date permittees may be notified of actions that need to be taken.
10. Below is the riding and maintenance schedule for the allotment. Responsible permittee will inspect and maintain water improvements, monitor vegetation and utilization, herd cattle to improve distribution, and insure that allotment operating instructions are followed and compliance is met.

<u>Allotment Units</u>	<u>Alloted Time</u>	<u>Responsible Permittee</u>
Middle Unit -Trail Hollow & Upper North Fork	6/16 – 7/20	Ben Park
Upper North Fork & Lower North Fork	7/21 – 8/25	Max Fabrizio
West Slope	8/26 – 9/30	Craig Thomas

Maintenance of Improvements

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 so that we will have time to inspect these improvements. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements on the allotment. Also, when reworking developments, all discarded material (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) must be removed from forest property.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #
Right of Way Fence	004354	North Fork Boundary Fence	004220
Mill Flat Drift Fence	004218	West Slope Drift Fence	004219
Lower Swift Creek Drift Fence	004222	North Fork Drift Fence	004223
Swift Creek Manage. Fence	004241	West Slope Spring	435671
Siphon Spring	435670	West Slope Reservoir	435676
NW Blind Stream Fence	004442A	North Fork Boundary Fence	004233

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and maintenance report included in the back of this document 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) 781-5205 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 North Fork Duchesne

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
Middle Unit-Trail Hollow	1 st		
Upper North Fork	2 nd		
Lower North Fork	3 rd		
West Slope	4 th		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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