

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Mill Hollow Cattle Allotment
2007 Annual Operating Plan**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season</u>
William Marsing Livestock Inc.	150		June 16 to October 15

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Head of Indian Canyon-Grassy Hollow	2 nd	8/16 – 10/15	50%
Mill Hollow-Indian Canyon	1 st	6/16 – 8/15	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. Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species (i.e. bullgrass) is 50% and a 4” to 6” stubble height for riparian forage species. Permittees should closely monitor key areas (i.e. Kentucky bluegrass meadows). 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 \$1.35 per head month this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures before cattle will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual meeting was held March 22, 2007 in Wellington, Utah. In attendance were Carrol Butcher, Kyle Butcher, and Amber Helmus. The following items discussed were:

1. The drift fence needs extended another ¼ mile to hold cattle. Carrol and Kyle mentioned that this is a future project. Contact Amber for materials.
2. Permittees plan to relocate a water trough and will need about 500’ of pipe. Amber said that materials are available. Permittees need to call prior to coming for materials.
3. Amber said the Forest Service is concerned about the degree of utilization annually in the Kentucky bluegrass meadows in upper Indian Canyon. She indicated that allowable use is exceeded in these meadows nearly every year. Utilization should not exceed 50% in these areas. Kyle and Carrol both acknowledged the problem with over grazing in these areas.
4. Kyle expressed interest in the trend studies located on the allotment. Amber will call him when she starts conducting the monitoring projects.
5. Permittees started to clean out the bottoms and trails in both units. They plan to continue the project this summer.

6. Carrol indicated 2nd Nature has opened the old ranger trail in Mill Hollow and that ATVs are using the trail. He indicated they were coming from private property through Argyle Canyon. Amber will talk to the District Ranger, and to Forest Service Law Enforcement about the problem. Amber also plans to meet with 2nd Nature and discuss the upcoming summer. Carrol and Kyle need to call Amber when a problem arises.
7. It was mentioned that there are a few spots where musk thistle is growing in Mill hollow, Jones Hollow, and Grass Hollow. Whitetop can be found in Spring Hollow in small patches. Amber will notify the weeds crew and Carrol and Kyle should notify Amber if they find any other patches.
8. Kyle indicated that they would like a 10' gate for the corral. Amber said she would contact them when a gate was available.
9. Kyle also indicated that he might need a trough for Grass Hollow. Contact Amber for the trough.
10. Jones Hollow cattleguard needs to be cleaned out. Amber will contact the road crew to get the cattleguard cleaned.

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 to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements. All discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire etc.) need not be removed from the National Forest. The following improvements are on the Mill Hollow Allotment:

Improvement Checklist

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004503	Wide Hollow Spring	436388	Butcher Hollow Spring
436684	Wish Spring	436589	White Pine Spring
436881	Clements Spring*	436659	Grassy Hollow Spring
437099	Mill Hollow Spring	437072	Water Hollow Spring
436668	Ross Station Spring	437098	Clement Spring-55 drum
436682	Matt's Spring		*Not developed

Multiple Use Considerations

Coordination with permittees on adjacent allotments along with wildlife, recreation, watershed and other National Forest uses in needed. Please notify the Duchesne office if you notice any unauthorized use or resource damage. 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 take contact Amber Helms.

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) 781-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2007 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Mill Hollow

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
Head of Indian/Grassy Hollow	2 nd		
Mill Hollow/Lower Indian Can	1 st		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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