

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Pigeon Water Cattle Allotment
2007 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Jimmy Brotherson	59	June 16 to September 5
Terry Abbott	39	June 16 to September 5
Lynn Burton	24	June 16 to September 5
Eugene Jensen	14	June 16 to September 5
Aaron Abbott	<u>36</u>	June 16 to September 5
Total Herd Size	172	

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Gooseberry	4 th	8/16 – 9/05	50%
Pigeon Water	1 st	6/16 – 7/02	50%
Salt Barrel	3 rd	7/27 – 8/15	50%
Upper	2 nd	7/03 – 7/26	50%

The dates 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. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. 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 and stalks have been removed 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. If allowable use is achieved on each unit before September 5th, cattle will leave the allotment.

A range technician 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).

Grazing fees will be \$1.35 per head month this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procures before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Below is a herding and compliance schedule. Each permittee will be assigned an allotted time equivalent to the number of cattle ran on the allotment. The schedule rotates annually. 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.

Allotment Units	Alloted Time	Responsible Permittee
Pigeon Water	6/16 – 7/2	Aaron Abbott
Upper	7/3 – 7/21	Terry Abbott
Upper-Salt Barrel	7/22 – 8/1	Lynn Burton
Salt Barrel	8/2 – 8/8	Eugene Jensen
Salt Barrel-Gooseberry	8/9 – 9/05	Jimmy Brotherson

Maintenance of Improvements

All fences and water developments will 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 improvements prior to and during the grazing season. All water developments will be maintained jointly by all the permittees, but the fence maintenance is assigned in the second table below.

Range Improvement Checklist

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004341	Pigeon Water-Dry Ridge F.	004337	Pigeon Water Boundary F.
004527	Pigeon Water Boundary F.	452670	Bear Wallow Spring
004259	Pigeon Water Division F.	004145	Pigeon Water Pipeline
004260	Pigeon Water Division F.	004295	Unit 2 Pipeline
004261	Pigeon Water Division F.	435270	Willow Spring
004262	Pigeon Water Unit Fence	435277	Pigeon Water Spring
004336	Pigeon Water Boundary F.	435278	Gooseberry Spring

Fence Maintenance Checklist

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Assigned Fence Improvement</u>
Terry Abbott	Dry Ridge-Boundary Fence
Jimmy Brotherson	South Boundary fence East of Pigeon Water road & the East Allotment Boundary fence
Lynn Burton	Boundary fence between Upper-Pigeon Water units & Salt Barrel-Pigeon Water Units
Eugene Jensen	Boundary fence between Pigeon water and Gooseberry unit.
Pine Reath Ranch	South Boundary fence west of Pigeon Water road & West Allotment boundary fence along Tribal lands & along Pigeon Water road to the gate in Section 12.
Terry Abbott-Pine Reath Ranch	Fence from gate in Section 12, north through drainage, to ridge above Corner Spring.

Weed Control

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, whitetop, giant whitetop, Russian knapweed, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts, along with Duchesne County. Your help in controlling weeds is needed. If you find any of the above listed weeds, please report the location to Amber Helmus.

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held on April 4, 2007 in Duchesne, Utah. Those present at the included Eugene Jensen, Lynn Burton, Aaron Abbott, and Amber Helmus.

1. Lynn mentioned that he will need approximately 20 sacks of concrete to install the gates on the loop road. Amber mentioned that she will order the concrete when the Range money is allotted to the Forest Service and then let Lynn know when it is available.
2. Permittees will construct a ½ mile pipeline from Tub Spring. It will follow the fence. Tub Spring trough will be moved away from the fence. A new trough will be placed at

- the end of the new pipeline. Permittees will replace the small ammo box trough with a rubber tire. Contact Amber for materials.
3. The Tribe closed the east Gooseberry access road to the Forest. Access to the Gooseberry unit is now by looping through the allotment from the Pigeon Water unit road. Permittees wanted to know who to contact to attempt to get the road open. They were advised to talk to the District Ranger, JR Kirkaldie at 781-5203 (office) or 790-7101 (cell).
 4. Only 2-3 days of drifting from one unit to another will be acceptable. All cattle need to be removed from the exiting unit by the 3rd day.
 5. The east boundary fence maintenance task in the Gooseberry unit was completed last year. It requires annual maintenance. Elk and hunters often breakdown or cut this fence. As a result, Ute Tribe cattle often get on the Pigeon Water allotment the following spring (May) prior to the grazing season. Permittees should contact Amber when tribe cattle are found on Pigeon Water.
 6. Permittees inquired about an extension at the end of the year. Amber said she would talk to Allen about an extension. Amber mentioned that if cattle needed to stay on the allotment a few extra days until the weekend before leaving in September, permittees should let Amber know at the end of August. Amber will then go out to the allotment to see if there is enough forage to allow three extra days of grazing.
 7. Permittees also mentioned that they have encountered problems with 2nd Nature. Amber plans to talk with 2nd Nature. Permittees should call Amber when problems arise with 2nd Nature.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record maintenance report **needs to be filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season**. Actual use records need to be filled out completely, including dates on and off each unit. **Permittees need to turn in separate actual use reports**. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 781-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2007 ACTUAL USE RECORD

ALLOTMENT NAME Pigeon Water 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	Date Used	
		From	To
Gooseberry	4 th		
Salt Barrel	1 st		
Upper	3 rd		
Pigeon Water	2 nd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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