

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Pole Creek Cattle Allotment
2007 Annual Operating Instructions

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Marjorie and Steve Ridley	75	July 6 to August 22
Not yet obligated by the Ute Tribe	75	July 6 to August 22
Total Herd Size	150	

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Lower Pole Creek	4 th	8/10 – 8/22	50%
Upper Pole Creek	3 rd	7/28 – 8/09	50%
Frog Lakes	2 nd	7/17 – 7/27	50%
Uinta Canyon	1 st	7/06 – 7/16	50%

The dates above are to be used as guidelines. Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species is 50% and in stream riparian areas, leave a 4” or greater stubble height of herbaceous species at the end of the grazing season between greenline and bank full of stream systems. When allowable use is met on each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit. It will be the permittees' responsibility to gauge utilization. A range technician will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements. As of March 28, 2007 the Ute Tribe had not obligated the second permit for this allotment.

Maintenance of Improvements

All fences and water developments must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact the office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **FIVE** days before the cattle go on to allow a forest officer time to inspect the improvements.

IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
3030	Trail Spring Water Devel.	3144	Pole Creek Boundary Fence
3180	Uinta Summer Home Encl.		Clover Creek Buck and Pole Fence
3514	Harmston Canyon Spring		

Annual Operating Planning Meeting

The annual operating meeting was held March 28, 2007 at the Roosevelt District Office. Steve Ridley, Katherine Ridley, Elliot Ridley, Bob Ridley, and Allen Huber were present. The following items were discussed:

1. The boundary fence north of Big Spring needs to be completed (about 70-100 yards). Steve and Elliot indicated that the Ute Tribe fencing crew would build the fence this year.

2. The Business Committee has not issued the grazing permit for the other 75 head. Elliot said that he was planning to apply for the permit this spring. If he obtains the permit he will contact Allen and the Forest Service.
3. The Canada thistle above the Forest boundary north of Big Spring still needs to be treated. Allen indicated that Canada thistle is not a priority weed and that our weeds crew may or may not be able to treat the site in 2007.
4. Cattle continue to access Uinta Canyon unit from the Lower Pole Creek unit via a horse or game trail near Trail Spring. A drift fence is needed to keep cattle out of the canyon. The Ridley's will access the site to determine the length and location of the fence. The Forest Service will provide the materials to build the fence. Contact Allen for materials.
5. Allen said that the Forest Service would provide materials to reconstruct the boundary fence if the Ute Tribe or permittees will construct them. Elliot said he would talk to Pat Wyasket to determine if the Tribe's fencing crew would be willing to build the fence
6. Steve and Bob indicated that they still want to cut out deadfall along the trail to Frog Lakes to provide access for cattle. Allen gave approval for the work.
7. Steve and Elliot wanted to know who was responsible for maintaining the fences around the Uinta Canyon summer homes. They are dilapidated and falling down and no longer stop livestock from entering the summer home areas. Allen contacted Chris Dingman. She said that maintenance of the fences are not in the summer home owners permits. She is currently working with the home owners in finding a solution for rebuilding the fences.

Multiple Use Considerations

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Duchesne District and Duchesne County. Noxious weed control is everyone's responsibility. If you find any weeds please make an effort to dig them up and report the location to Allen Huber. Musk thistle has been found below the Forest Boundary along the road on Tribal Lands. Please make an effort to control this weed as you find it, or report it to this office, or to Dale Thomas at B.I.A.

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. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Allen Huber at 781-5226 or 790-7003. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Allen Huber
Ecologist

2007 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Pole Creek 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

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates Used	
		From	To
Lower Pole Creek	4 th		
Upper Pole Creek	3 rd		
Frog Lakes	2 nd		
Uinta Canyon	1 st		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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