

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Rhoades Canyon Cattle or Sheep Allotment
2007 Annual Operating Instructions**

Rhoades Canyon Sheep/Goat Allotment

Permittee	Number of Livestock	Season of Use
Orven and Alton Moon	600	June 22 to September 30

***Forest Service will not bill for the goats. Ken will stop by before June 22 and let the Forest Service know if he is going to graze goats this summer. If he intends to graze goats this summer, he will pay the grazing fees at this time.**

OR

Rhoades Canyon Cattle Allotment

Permittee	Number of Livestock	Season of Use
Alton Moon	125	July 16 to September 1

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Dates of Use	Type of Livestock	Allowable Use
Trail Hollow	7/16 – 8/15	Cattle	50%
Upper Rhoades Canyon	8/16 – 9/1	Cattle	50%
Rhoades Canyon	8/2-9/30	Goats	50%
Iron Mine	6/22-8/1	Goats	50%

The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. Cattle will enter the Trail Hollow unit on July 16th and will graze for about one month. Cattle will then enter the Upper Rhoades Canyon unit on August 16th and will graze for approximately two weeks. Livestock will not be permitted below the rockslide in Rhoades Canyon, Left Fork Rhoades Canyon, and Iron Mine Creek. The permittee will haul water. Cattle will need to be kept off the Uinta National Forest. Salt and water and a herder will be used to control cattle movement. Grazing outside of the specifications will result in permittee non-compliance.

This is a tentative schedule for goats. Dates of use need to be determined for 50% utilization in both the Rhoades Canyon and Iron Mine unit for goats use. The permittee and Amber will be responsible for monitoring utilization and making certain none of the units are over-utilized. Goats will enter the Iron Mine on June 22nd and graze until utilization is met. Thereafter, goats will graze the Rhoades Canyon unit and will leave once utilization is met. If utilization is met before September 30th, goats will leave the allotment.

Cattle and goats will not graze in common use. They will need to be kept separate.

The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. As stated above, allowable use is 50% in all units. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. 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.

Graze goats thru areas only once and do not return at a later date during the grazing season. Do not bed goats more than twice on the same bedground during the grazing season. Goats that die within 100 yards of roads and streams need to be properly disposed of. Do not salt within 200 yards of live water, roads, and canyon bottoms. Salt rings and logs, if used, should not be placed more than once in each location and moved after use.

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 procedures before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

An annual operating plan meeting was held March 23, 2007 at the Duchesne District Office with Ken Moon and Amber Helmus in attendance. The following items were discussed:

1. Cattle will graze the upper Rhoades Canyon area in 2007. Grazing is not permitted in lower Rhoades Canyon, Left Fork Rhoades Canyon, and Iron Mine Creek (refer to unit map) because these areas and below are not suitable for cattle. Permittee must have water which was an agreement between Alton Moon and the Forest Service. Cattle need to be kept north of the rock slide. The Forest Service will carefully monitor grazing in this area. If cattle are observed outside the grazing units, the Forest Service will issue letters of non-compliance and actions on the permit may result.
2. Ken mentioned that he would like to restore water to Moon Spring trough and MacDonald Spring. Access to these areas is limited and Ken didn't want to clear a road in Rhoades Canyon because it will increase the public use in the area. Ken inquired about a road from his private property that leads into Rhoades Canyon. Unfortunately, a road cannot be made on Forest Service property in that area. Ken will have to find another way to access that area. Contact Amber for any materials.

Maintenance of Improvements

All range improvements must be maintained before the livestock will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact our office **five** days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect these improvements. When reworking improvements, all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) must be removed from forest property. Forest Service personnel may randomly inspect range improvements on the allotment.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
004471	Rhoades Canyon Spring	002372	Moon Spring
435635	Rhoades Canyon Reservoir 1	004297	McDonald Spring
435638	Rhoades Canyon Reservoir 2	435636	Spruce Spring Reservoir
435641	Rhoades Canyon Reservoir 3	004778	Rhoades Canyon Pipeline
004547	Rhoades Canyon Waterline		

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and maintenance report included in this folder needs to be filled out and returned **immediately following the grazing season**. If there are concerns pertaining to 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 Rhoades Canyon 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	Type of Livestock	Dates Used	
			From	to
Trail Hollow	2 nd	cattle		
Upper Rhoades Canyon	1 st	cattle		
Rhoades Canyon	2 nd	goats		
Iron Mine	1 st	goats		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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