

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Right Fork Indian Canyon Cattle Allotment
2007 Annual Operating Plan**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Shawn McConkie	150	0	June 7 to September 16*

*June 7 is the tentative date to start grazing. Amber will go out the week before and make sure that vegetative growth is adequate to start grazing. If it is not, then grazing will start on June 14 like previous years. Amber will call Shawn to let him know if cattle can start grazing on June 7.

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Right Fork-Six Mile-Sterling Hollow	1 st	6/14 – 8/2	50%
Half Moon	3 rd	8/24 – 9/23	50%
Trail Hollow	2 nd	8/3 – 8/23	50%
Twelve Mile	2 nd	8/3 – 8/23	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. As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units. A 4” to 6” stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. wiregrass) shall be left in the stream corridor. Permittees should closely monitor key areas (stream corridor). 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 from the plants), which indicates about 60% use or greater. When allowable use in the key areas 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. 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

The annual operating meeting was held on March 20, 2007 in Duchesne, Utah. Shawn McConkie and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Shawn indicated that Hereford Spring needs a new trough. He will need fittings in order to install the trough. The Forest Service will provide the materials.
2. It was mentioned that in the future they would like to extend pipeline down Sterling Hollow from Sterling Hollow Spring to the middle of the drainage. Amber said to make sure the source of spring is protected. A ½ mile of pipe and trough would be supplied by the Forest Service. Contact Amber for supplies.

3. Problems with 2nd Nature groups being in the same units as the livestock was not as bad this year compared to years past. Shawn or Mar need to call Amber immediately when a problem arises.
4. Problems with Pinder's cattle trespassing on Forest Service lands was minimal in 2006. Shawn and Mar needs to let Amber know when Pinder's livestock are trespassing to help the Forest Service take care of this problem.
5. Shawn mentioned that the main road into the allotment needed work. Shawn said he would contact the county to get the road fixed.
6. Weeds are an on going problem in the allotment. Amber will notify the weed crew and to see if they will spray the allotment this year.
7. Shawn mentioned that cattleguards (two) on the main road need to be cleaned out. Amber will contact Doug Nielsen about getting them cleaned out.

Maintenance of Improvements

All improvements must be maintained before cattle will be allowed to enter the first unit to be grazed. Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements. The following improvements are on the Right Fork Indian Canyon Allotment:

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004203	12 Mile Drift Fence	004225	Six Mile Drift Fence
004226	Right Fork Drift Fence	004364	Sterling Hollow Drift Fence
004373	12 Mile-Trail Hollow fence	436578	Half Moon Spring
436583	Rock Bottom Spring	436592	Red Pine Spring
436597	Six Mile Spring	436651	Twelve Mile Spring
436657	Trail Hollow Spring	436662	Dog Spring
436912	Camp Spring		

Noxious Weed Control

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. Musk Thistle is present along the stream in the Right Fork of Indian Canyon, up Six mile and in other locations on the allotment. Whitetop has also been found on the allotment. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please take contact Amber Helmus.

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should occur as far from the stream as possible and placed on the alluvial fans vegetated with bullgrass. Again, **do not** salt in or near the stream corridor.

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 Right Fork Indian 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	Dates Used	
		From	To
Right Fork	1 st		
Six Mile	1 st		
Half Moon	3 rd		
Sterling Hollow	1 st		
Trail Hollow	2 nd		
Twelve Mile	2 nd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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