

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Timber Canyon Cattle
2007 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee Henry Remund	Number of Cattle 180	Season of Use June 16 – October 15
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Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Cow-Calf Hollow	3 rd	9/2 – 10/15	50%
Pine Hollow	3 rd	9/2 – 10/15	50%
Jackson-Shotgun-Upper Timber	2 nd	7/16 – 9/1	50%
Timber Canyon	1 st	6/16 – 7/15	50%

The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. If a change in the grazing schedule is needed, please contact Amber. 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 (bluegrass meadows and stream corridors). 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 meeting was held on April 2, 2007 in Duchesne with Henry Remund and Amber Helmus present. The following items were discussed:

1. Henry mentioned that he needs a new trough near timber Canyon Boundary Fence. Amber will call Henry to let him know what troughs are available.
2. Henry indicated a 14’ steel gate is needed for Pine Hollow. Contact Amber for materials.
3. The UDWR Timber Canyon enclosure may be removed in the future.

4. Henry said musk thistle was becoming a problem in Cow Hollow on top under the ridges and in Lower Timber Creek. Amber said she will notify the weeds crew. Henry said that he would show Chris where the musk thistle patches are located.
5. Amber mentioned that cows should be kept on the Timber Canyon Allotment and when cattle wander off the allotment, they should be brought back as soon as possible. Also, notify Amber if other cattle are found on your allotment.

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. Also, as discussed in the annual meeting all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire etc.) need to be removed from the National Forest. The following improvements are on the Timber Canyon Allotment:

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004294	Adamson Spring	004131	Bull Hollow Spring
436465	Cow Hollow Spring	431327	Jackson Hollow Spring
436511	Johnson Spring	436768	Pine Hollow Spring
436766	Sagers Spring	004540	Twin Hollow Spring
436462	Remund Well Spr. Pipeline	004213	Timber Canyon Bdry Fence
004372	Cow Hollow Drift	004477	Pine Hollow Unit Fence
004271	Pine Hollow Drift Fence	004271A	Pine Hollow Drift
004342	Water-Grassy-Bumper		

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 has been found in Timber Canyon. 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 on the alluvial fans vegetated with bullgrass. **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

