

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District  
Horse Ridge Cattle Allotment  
2009 Annual Operating Instructions**

**Permittee**  
T-N Ranching

**Number**  
150

**Season**  
July 1 to September 30

**Grazing Schedule**

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Flat Ridge	1 <sup>st</sup>	7/1 – 7/31	50%
Fossil Ridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8/1– 8/31	50%
Horse Ridge	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9/1 – 9/30	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. 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. A range technician will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements.

The grazing fee will be \$1.35 per head month this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures before cattle will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

**Annual Operating Plan Meeting**

The annual meeting was held in March 25, 2009 in Wellington, Utah with Butch Jensen, Tate Jensen, Quint Pickup, and Amber Helmus present. The following items were discussed:

1. Butch said there were problems with 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature. They are having a hard time gathering livestock at the end of the grazing with 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature simultaneously in the same unit. Amber is planning a meeting with 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature to discuss problems that permittees are having with them.
2. Butch mentioned that the road to Weasel Spring needs maintenance. Amber told the permittees that they can cleanout the ponds and can improve the road to the spring.

**Maintenance of Improvements**

All improvements must be maintained before cattle 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 the improvements. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements on the allotment. The following improvements are associated with the Horse Ridge Allotment:

**Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities**

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
043661	Weasel Spring	436614	Ostler Corral Spring
004454	Fossil Spring	436617	Seep Spring
436618	Horse Ridge Spring	436619	Flat Ridge Spring
436622	Olsen Spring	436626	Nettle Spring
436637	Steer Spring	436638	Split Spring
004208	Horse Ridge Boundary Fence	004488	Reservation Boundary Fence

### **Noxious Weed Control**

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, spotted knapweed, tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts and Duchesne County. Musk Thistle and spotted knapweed have been found on the Horse Ridge allotment. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please take contact Amber Helmus.

### **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) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus  
Rangeland Management Specialist

**2009 Actual Use Record**

ALLOTMENT NAME Horse Ridge

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
Flat Ridge	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Fossil Ridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Horse Ridge	3 <sup>rd</sup>		

LOSSES: NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSES \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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