

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Lake Fork Cattle Allotment
2009 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
Connie Fieldsted	66	June 20 to September 17
Shane Gardner	62	June 20 to September 17
Ute Tribal Enterprises	<u>55*</u>	June 20 to September 17
Total Herd Size	183	June 20 to September 17

*The Tribe will also run an additional 50 head in the Bear Wallow unit from Petty Mountain Allotment.

Lake Fork

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Frog Ponds	1 st	6/20 – 7/06	50%
Willow Bottoms	4 th	8/16 – 9/17	50%
Reseeded	2 nd	7/07 – 7/21	50%
Brown Duck	3 rd	7/22 – 8/15	40%*
Raspberry Draw	4 th	8/16 – 9/17	50%

*40% use for High Uintas Wilderness.

Bear Wallow – Ute Tribe

Bear Wallow*	6/20 – 9/17	50%
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*Bear Wallow will serve as an on-off unit.

The dates above are to be used as guidelines. Livestock will enter and graze the Frog Ponds unit first. When 50% utilization is met cattle will be moved to the Reseeded unit. The Brown Duck unit will be grazed 3rd. The Willow Bottoms and Raspberry Draw units will be grazed last. Cattle will leave the allotment when utilization is met on all units or on September 17th.

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 most units. In the wilderness unit, allowable use is 40%. A 4” to 6” stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. sedges) shall be left in all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows). Notable key riparian areas on the allotment include Frog Pond meadows, Willow Bottoms, Bear Wallow wet areas, and wilderness stringer meadows. When allowable use is met in the key areas of each unit, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit.

It is the permittees responsibility to gauge utilization on each unit. A range employee will regularly visit the allotment to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements. Exceeding allowable use standards is not permitted. 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 procures before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held on April 9, 2009 at the Roosevelt District Office with Mick Fieldsted, Wes Gardner, Shane Gardner, and Allen Huber present. The following items were discussed:

1. The corral will be reconstructed with steel pipe as funds become. Wes said that he would calculate the necessary materials needed to build a pipe corral and get the list to Allen. Materials will be purchased with available funds.
2. The drift fence next to the Moon Lake Recreation area needs to be rebuilt prior to cattle entering the Reseeded unit. Dead woody material on site may be used to reconstruct the pole fence. A second old fence that runs along the trailhead and behind the campground needs reconstruction. The old log fence is about 0.5 miles long. A log or wire fence of may be constructed.
3. A drift fence that was planned to be built at the top of Raspberry Draw has been put on hold until a trespass problem between Petty Mountain and Lake Fork Allotments is realized. The association did want to install a trough about midway down Raspberry Draw to help distribute cattle in the unit. The source would come from the upper pond near the head of the draw. A float would be put in the trough to control the water flow. NEPA would need to be done on this project and would occur in winter 2009-2010.
4. Improvement responsibilities will be as followed. Developments must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements prior to and during the grazing season to determine permit compliance. If compliance is not met, permittees will be sent notices of non-compliance and associated requirements to address the violation(s).

Range Improvement Checklist

Responsible Permittee	Improvement #	Improvement Name
Mick Fieldsted	3506	Raspberry Draw Trough
Shane Gardner		Raspberry Drift Fence
Shane Gardner	3173	Frog Ponds Fence
Shane Gardner	3126	Lake Fork Reseeded Fence
Mick Fieldsted	3516	Aspen Waterline
Mick Fieldsted	3116	Brown Park Drift Fence
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Mick Fieldsted	3116	Brown Park Drift Fence
Ute Cattle Enterprises	3048	Bear Wallow #1
Ute Cattle Enterprises	3503	Bear Wallow #2
Ute Cattle Enterprises	3111	Lake Fork-Pigeon Water Drift Fence
Ute Cattle Enterprises	3149	Lake Fork Boundary (canal to Bear Wallow)
Lake Fork Rotation	3115	Moon Lake Rec. Fence-pasture to C.G.
Lake Fork Rotation	3149	Lake Fork Boundary (ranch to canal)
Lake Fork Rotation	3159	Association Pasture-Lake Fork Canyon
Lake Fork Association	3202	Lake Fork Cattle Corral

6. A fence separating the Willow Bottoms and Frog Ponds units has been proposed in order to keep cattle in their assigned unit. The fence would extend from below the Farnsworth Canal and run north and tie in to an existing fence above. Wes will obtain GIS coordinates for the proposed fence this spring. NEPA would need to be done on this project and would occur in winter 2009-2010.

7. The Ute Tribe will use Bear Wallow as an on-off unit in conjunction with their adjacent rangelands.
8. Shane reported that the corrals at the trailhead were locked and inaccessible. Allen indicated that he would talk to Kim Bartel to determine a possible solution to the problem. It is possible that the outfitter guide or trail host has locked the gates to the corral.
9. Some maintenance of the boundary fence east of the cattle guard along the Frog Ponds unit was done in 2008, but further repair is needed in 2009.
10. The permittees were wondering if the Jackson special use permit was still valid. They indicated that people are camping where the Jacksons used to camp, which is behind the locked gate of Paint Mine Road.
11. The middle trough plumbing on the aspen waterline was repaired in 2008.
12. The segment of fence crossing the Lake Fork River near the Fisher Ranch still needs to be rebuilt. The permittees will build a gate crossing the river this spring or early summer.
13. The permittees wanted to know if the Forest Service would improve the road that accesses the Frog Ponds Corral. The road is heavily rutted and it has become difficult to get a horse trailer across. Allen will check with Forest engineering about the project.
14. High Lakes Stabilization will occur on Kidney Lake this summer. Permittees will not place livestock or salt near the vicinity of Kidney Lake.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and 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. We appreciate your help and cooperation on the Lake Fork allotment. If you have concerns, please contact Allen Huber at (435) 781-5226 or cell (435) 790-7003.

Allen Huber
Ecologist

2009 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Lake Fork

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
Frog Ponds	1 st		
Willow Bottoms	4 th		
Reseeded	2 nd		
Brown Duck	3 rd		
Raspberry Draw	4 th		
Bear Wallow			

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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