

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District  
McAfee Basin Cattle Allotment  
2009 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
Ron Miles	<u>79</u>	June 27 to September 12
Total Herd Size	<u>79</u>	

**Grazing Schedule**

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Corral Creek-Lower	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/27 – 7/17	50%
Middle	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/18 – 8/18	50%
Rock Lake	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/19 – 9/3	50%
South Lower Basin	4 <sup>th</sup>	9/4 – 9/12	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. sedges) shall be left in all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows). Permittees should closely monitor key areas. 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 23, 2009 in Roosevelt, Utah. Those in attendance were Ron Miles and Amber Helmus. The following items were discussed:

1. Permittees mentioned that they would like to construct a corral near the McAfee Basin and Rock Creek boundary. Amber will notify the Archeologists at the Forest Service to get archeological clearance. Construct will not begin until archeological clearance is given.

**Maintenance of Improvements**

All fences and water developments must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact our office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **five** days before the cattle enter the allotment to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

### **Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities**

<b>Improvement Number</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>	<b>Improvement Number</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
004255	Meadow Unit Fence	004256	Basin Unit Fence
004257	Dugway Fence	004358	McAfee Drift Fences
004187	Rock Lake Spring	004451	Koefert Spring
435695	Rock Lake Spring #2	435698	Ledge Spring
435691	Timothy Spring	435696	Upper Ledge Spring

#### **Salting**

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should not occur near key areas but in areas that generally receive light use normally. **Do not** salt in open parks and meadows, and adjacent to water. Remove salt from those areas that have reached proper utilization.

#### **Multiple Use Considerations**

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. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please 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**. Permittees need to turn in separate actual use reports. 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

**2009 Actual Use Record**

ALLOTMENT NAME McAfee Basin

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
Corral Creek-Lower	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Middle	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Rock Lake	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
South Lower Basin	4 <sup>th</sup>		

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

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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