

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Slab Canyon Allotment
2009 Annual Operating Instruction**

Permittee
BFR, LLC

Number of Livestock
120

Season of Use
July 1 to August 31

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Lower Slab	1 st	7/1 – 8/31	50%
Upper Slab	1 st	7/1 – 8/31	50%
Shand	1 st	7/1 – 8/31	50%
Giles	1 st	7/1 – 8/31	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 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. 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

Annual meeting was held March 31, 2009 in Heber, UT. Burke Roney and Amber Helmus were in attendance. The following items were discussed.

1. Amber reminded the permittee to salt away from the road and place the salt farther in the sagebrush.
2. This year is the third year of grazing, therefore next year permittees will not be allowed to graze. The grazing plan that was decided on in 2007 was to graze 120 cows in all the units at one time for three years and then rest the entire allotment on the fourth year.

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 Checklist

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004404	Ridge Boundary Fence	004240	Slab Canyon Drift Fence
004424	Slab Canyon Drift Fence	436454	Shand Spring
436456	Point Spring	436458	Childs Spring
004390	Slab Canyon Waterline		

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 Slab Canyon. 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 needs to be **filled out and returned immediately** following the grazing season. We will contact you if we do not receive your report by October 31st. 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 Slab 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
Lower Slab	1 st		
Upper Slab	1 st		
Shand	1 st		
Giles	1 st		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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