

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Strawberry Sheep Allotment
2009 Annual Operating Instruction**

Permittee
Wilson Brothers Livestock

Number of Livestock
100*

Season of Use
June 16 to October 15

*100 Head of cattle will graze Strawberry Allotment for the 2009 grazing season.

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Grazing Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Banjo	1st	6/16 - 7/16	50%
Tomahawk	1st	6/16 - 7/16	50%
Minnie	1st	6/16 - 7/16	50%
Slab	2 nd	7/17 - 9/30	50%
Shand	2 nd	7/17 - 9/30	50%
Shotgun	3 rd	10/1-10/15	50%
Bowen	3 rd	10/1-10/15	50%

Permittees and the Forest Service understand that the conversion from sheep to cattle on the allotment is on a trial basis for the 2009 grazing season. Utilization will be monitored closely, especially in key areas. At the end of the grazing season, permittees and Forest Service will evaluate the conversion of sheep to cattle. If the conversion was successful, then the Forest Service will modify the permit on the Strawberry Allotment. Cattle should be kept on Ashley National Forest land and any cattle wondering off the designated grazing allotment should be corrected as soon as possible.

Timber Creek will be the boundary for the sub units. The dates of use above are to be used as a guideline. Allowable use is 50% in all units. When allowable use is met on each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit outlined in the rotation. It will be the permittees' responsibility to gauge utilization. A range technician will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements.

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.

Annual Operating Instruction Meeting

A meeting was held February 18, 2009 at the Heber District Office. Don Wilson, Vern Wilson and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Don said there are problems with Timber Canyon Allotment cattle going over the boundary ridge onto their allotment into the canyon bottoms. Amber indicated Henry Remund needs to be contacted when this occurs so he may move his cattle back onto the Timber Canyon Allotment.

- Don mentioned that there were problems with 2nd Nature camping on Strawberry Peak. Amber will speak with 2nd Nature to help reduce any conflicts in the future.

Maintenance of Improvements

All water developments must be maintained before the livestock 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 sheep enter the allotment to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Forest technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. When reworking improvements, all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) must be removed from forest property.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
436531	Bown Corral Spring	436765	Slab Canyon Spring
004287	Strawberry Stock Pond	004391	Slab Canyon Pond 1
004392	Slab Canyon Pond 2	436515	Bown Corral Res. 1
004397	Jacob Reservoir	004484	Pine Hollow Reservoir
004514	Aagard Pond	004524	Stock Pond 1
431192	Bown Corral Res. 2	431195	Beaver Reservoir
431330	RF Cottonwood Res.	431351	LF Cottonwood Res.
436457	\$1200 Ridge Reservoir	436463	Pierre Reservoir
436458	Slab Canyon Reservoir	436508	Upper Slab Reservoir
436509	Spruce Reservoir	436525	Tomahawk Reservoir
436768	Pine Hollow Pond		

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. 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 not occur near key areas (seeded species and stream corridor). **Do not** salt in or near creeks and wet meadows.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record 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 cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2009 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Strawberry

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
Banjo	1st		
Tomahawk	1st		
Minnie	1st		
Slab	2 nd		
Shand	2 nd		
Shotgun	3 rd		
Bowen	3 rd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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