

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District  
Lake Fork Cattle Allotment  
2010 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
Connie Fieldsted	66	June 21 to September 21
Shane Gardner	62	June 21 to September 21
Ute Tribal Enterprises	<u>55*</u>	June 21 to September 21
Total Herd Size	183	June 21 to September 21

\*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 <sup>st</sup>	6/21 – 7/06	50%
Willow Bottoms	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/07 – 7/31	50%
Reseeded	4 <sup>th</sup>	8/26 – 9/21	50%
Brown Duck	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/01 – 8/25	40%*
Raspberry Draw	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/07 – 7/31	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 Willow Bottoms and Raspberry Draw units. The Brown Duck unit will be grazed 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Reseeded unit will be grazed last. Cattle will leave the allotment when utilization is met on all units or on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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 1, 2010 at the Roosevelt District Office with Mick Fieldsted, Wes Gardner, and Allen Huber present. The following items were discussed:

1. The corral will be reconstructed with steel pipe as funds become available. No funds are available for the project in 2010. 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 fence on the west side of the Moon Lake Recreation area from the campground to the trailhead needs to be built by August 1<sup>st</sup>, which is prior to cattle entering the Reseeded unit. The fence will run along the power pole corridor and will be built on the west side of the power line. The drift fence running westward from the guard station and campground up the ridge needs to be rebuilt. This fence needs to be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The fence that runs from the Moon Lake road to the Moon Lake spillway needs to be maintained this year and is planned to be rebuilt in 2011.
3. A drift fence that was planned to be built at the top of Raspberry Draw is still on hold until a trespass problem between Petty Mountain and Lake Fork Allotments is realized. The association still wants 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. The project will not be funded in 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**

<b>Responsible Permittee</b>	<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
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. GIS coordinates for the proposed fence needs to be obtained this spring. Fence construction will occur in 2011.

7. The Ute Tribe will use Bear Wallow as an on-off unit in conjunction with their adjacent rangelands.
8. Maintenance of the boundary fence east of the cattle guard along the Frog Ponds unit was done in 2009, but further repair is needed in 2010.
9. The permittees wanted to know if the Forest Service would improve FS road #106 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.
10. Permittees complained that the meadow next to the fishing pond in Frog Ponds unit is being damaged by people camping and driving into the meadow. They requested that recreation personnel regulate the site and possibly place boulders around the parking area.

#### **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

**2010 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 <sup>st</sup>		
Willow Bottoms	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Reseeded	4 <sup>th</sup>		
Brown Duck	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Raspberry Draw	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Bear Wallow			

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

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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