

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Duchesne Ranger District  
Pole Creek Cattle Allotment  
2010 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Marjorie Ridley	38	July 6 to August 22
Steve and Bob Ridley	112	July 6 to August 22
Total Herd Size	150	

**Grazing Schedule**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Dates of Use</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Lower Pole Creek	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7/28 – 8/22	50%
Upper Pole Creek	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7/28 – 8/22	50%
Frog Lakes	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/17 – 7/27	50%
Uinta Canyon	1 <sup>st</sup>	7/06 – 7/16	50%

The dates above are to be used as guidelines. Cattle will graze the Uinta Canyon Units first. Cattle will then graze the Frog Lakes Unit. Deadfall needs to be removed from the trail before cattle enter the unit. The Lower and Upper Pole Creek Unit will be grazed last.

Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species is 50% and in stream riparian areas, leave a 4” or greater stubble height of herbaceous species at the end of the grazing season between greenline and bank full of stream systems. When allowable use is met on each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit. 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.

**Maintenance of Improvements**

All fences and water developments must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact the office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **FIVE** days before the cattle go on to allow a forest officer time to inspect the improvements.

**IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST**

<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>	<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
3030	Trail Spring Water Devel.	3144	Pole Creek Boundary Fence
3180	Uinta Summer Home Encl.		Clover Creek Buck and Pole Fence
3514	Harmston Canyon Spring		

**Annual Operating Planning Meeting**

The annual operating meeting was held June 15, 2010 at the Roosevelt District Office. Steve Ridley, Katherine Ridley, Trudi Ridley, and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Permittees still have approximately ¼ mile of fence to build on the East Side of Pole Creek this year. Steve returned extra materials from the Pole Creek Boundary fence that was built last summer but Amber had him keep them to use on this fence. If permittees need more materials, please contact Amber Helmus at 435-790-7058.
2. Cattle have access Uinta Canyon unit from the Lower Pole Creek unit via a horse or game trail near Trail Spring. A drift fence is needed to keep cattle out of the canyon. Steve will access the site to determine the length and location of the fence.
3. The deadfall along the trail to Frog Lakes still needs to be cut out. The permittees said that they would work on this project.
4. The Uinta Canyon fence near Clover Creek needs maintenance. Permittees need to fix the fence before cattle enter the allotment.
5. Permittees mentioned that cattleguards above Clover Creek need to be cleaned out. Amber and Allen will notify the FS road crew to get them cleaned out.

### **Multiple Use Considerations**

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Duchesne District and Duchesne County. Noxious weed control is everyone's responsibility. If you find any weeds please make an effort to dig them up and report the location to Allen Huber. Musk thistle has been found below the Forest Boundary along the road on Tribal Lands. Please make an effort to control this weed as you find it, or report it to this office.

### **Actual Use Record**

The actual use record 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. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Allen Huber at 781-5226 or 790-7003. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus  
Rangeland Management Specialist  
435-790-7058

**2010 Actual Use Record**

ALLOTMENT NAME Pole Creek 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**

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates Used	
		From	To
Lower Pole Creek	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Upper Pole Creek	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Frog Lakes	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Uinta Canyon	1 <sup>st</sup>		

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

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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