

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Wilbur Bench Cattle Allotment
2011 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Michael Vanderhoof	120	15	June 10 to October 10

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon	1 st	6/10 – 7/25	50%
Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge	2 nd	7/26 – 8/25	50%
Tub Ridge	3 rd	8/26– 10/10	50%

The above dates are to be used as guidelines. Cattle will enter and be distributed in the unit first. On July 26th or when allowable use is reached, the cattle will move onto the Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge unit. Cattle will graze the Tub Ridge unit last.

The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. When allowable use for a key area is achieved (50% use of key upland forage species and 4” to 6” stubble height for riparian forage species), livestock need to be moved to the next scheduled unit. 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 Meeting

A meeting was held at the Duchesne Ranger Station on April 26, 2011. Michael Vanderhoof and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. All fences should be checked annually and fences that need to be fixed should be repaired before cattle enter the sub-unit. The Tub Ridge Boundary fence from the cattlegaurd on Reservation Ridge that was removed during the logging project needs to be reconstructed by the end of June. Permittee also plans to work on the fence by the first cattleguard on reservation ridge. Contact Amber for materials.

2. Permittee mentioned that private landowner cows from Argyle canyon wandered on to the allotment last summer. When non-forest service cattle are found on the allotment, please notify Amber immediately.

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 prior to cattle entering the allotment so that we will have time to inspect these improvements. A Forest Service technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
004207	Wilbur Bench Boundary Fence	004445	Tub-Wilbur Fence
004239	Wilbur Bench-Tub Ridge Fen.	004371	Big Draw Fence
004375	Wilbur Bench 2-3 Unit Fence	004382	Aspen Spring
436650	Little Mud Spring	432049	Peatross Spring
433260	Andrus-Mud Spring Pipeline	436645	Red Cedar Spring
004343	Wilbur Bench-Tub Ridge Fen.	432116	Fence Spring
004480	East Side Tub Ridge	004520	Stumbled On Spring
432212	West Side Tub Ridge	436663	Trail Ridge Spring
		436664	Aspen Reservoir

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and maintenance report included in this folder needs to be filled out and returned **immediately following the grazing season**. If there are concerns with the allotment or your permit, please contact Amber Helmus at (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2011 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Wilbur Bench 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		Allowable Use
		From	To	
Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge	1 st			50%
Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon	2 nd			50%
Tub Ridge	3 rd			50%

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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