

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District
Dry Gulch Cattle Allotment
2014 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee	Numbers	Non-use	Season of Use
Scott Iorg	122	0	June 20 to September 25
Chad Richard	201	0	June 20 to September 25
Shaune Shiner	50	0	June 20 to September 25
Korey Walker	273	91	June 20 to September 25
Ute Tribe	<u>135</u>	<u>0</u>	June 20 to September 25
Total Herd Size	781	91	

Grazing schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Dry Gulch-Timothy Creek	3 rd	8/26 – 9/25	50%
Mud Springs-Burnt Mill-Limekiln	1 st	6/20 – 7/20	50%
Jackson Park-Saddle Springs-The Holes	2 nd	7/21 – 8/25	40%
Crow Canyon ¹ -Bollie Lake	2 nd	7/21 – 8/25	40%
Swift Creek ¹	REST		40%
Jefferson Park-Upper Dry Gulch	2 nd	7/21 – 8/25	50%

*Grazing units in the High Uintas Wilderness have a 40% allowable use.

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. Cattle will enter the allotment no earlier than June 20th. Cattle will enter the Mud Springs-Burnt Mill-Limekiln unit first. When allowable use is met, cattle will be distributed in all the high country units except Swift Creek. In order to preserve feed for drifting livestock later on in the season, no cattle will be left in the lower elevations of the high country units (i.e. The Holes, Saddle Springs), but placed in the higher country such as Crow Canyon, Bollie Lake, and Jefferson Park and Jackson Park. Around August 26th, cattle will move into Dry Gulch-Timothy Creek unit and graze until the end of the grazing season. Cattle are scheduled to leave the allotment on September 25th.

Allowable use is the most important indicator when livestock should leave a unit(s). Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species is 50% in all units outside the High Uintas Wilderness. A 4” stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. sedges) shall be left in all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows) following the grazing season. Prior to July 20th, residual stubble height following grazing may exceed 4” (regrowth will occur prior to first hard freeze). After July 20th, grazing cannot exceed the 4” stubble height. A 40% allowable use is the standard guideline for grazing units inside the High Uintas Wilderness Area. Permittees should closely monitor key areas. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the key areas have a “mowed” look to them (i.e. all grass seed heads have been removed from the stalks), which indicates 60% use or greater. 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 are \$1.35 per head month. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures before livestock will be allowed to enter the National Forest.

Allotment Field Meeting

The meeting was held April 3, 2014 at the Duchesne District Office. Those in attendance included Shaune Shiner, Korey Walker and Scott Iorg. The following items were discussed:

1. The permittees have hired a herder this summer.
2. Shaune Shiner and Chad Richard will serve as association president and secretary respectively.
3. The log worm fence at Jefferson Park still needs to be completed by the Ute Tribe. The association will work with the Tribe to try to resolve boundary fencing issues this spring.
4. The corral at the rider's camp was rebuilt in 2011. The association needs 3, 14' steel gates to complete the corral. The Ute Tribe's sorting pen is in disrepair and needs to be reconstructed. The pen requires 0.25 miles of 5-strand barbed wire fence with 6' steel fence posts and a pole rail. A request was made for a corral shed (use of a connex box) and a pavilion (60' by 30'). Amber said that she would ask the District Ranger about these structures.
5. The log worm division fence near the pole area will be replaced in 2014 prior to cattle entering the upper country units (July 21st). Sandy will have new barb wire available for the project. All other fences assigned to permittees will be maintained to Forest Service standards by June 16th.
6. A field meeting is scheduled for June 5th.
7. The 16' steel gate will be installed on the Dry Gulch road adjacent to the cattleguard. Scott received the gate last summer and needs to install it this summer.
8. Discussed the possibility of drilling a well at Dry Gulch #5. Sandy will follow up on the availability of water rights.
9. Forest Service roads to Lime Kiln, Dry Gulch Cree, and Hardinger Pasture were graded in 2013 but they are still rough. Need to check and see if cattle guards and culverts on main road and Dry Gulch road were cleaned of sediment and debris.
10. Jefferson Park Spring (434277). Repair or replace broken line between troughs 1 and 2. Trough 2 will need replacement soon. An enclosure needs to be built around the spring source and headbox. A backhoe is needed to repair the improvement. The association will talk to the Ute Tribe to obtain an access permit to Jefferson Park.
11. Flat Top #1 (3094). The improvement at #1 needs to be rebuilt with a new trough. They would like to install a tire trough. Will need permission to take a backhoe in to rebuild this trough.
12. Discussed condition of Lime Kiln fence. The permittees would like to reconstruct this fence. Sandy will check on availability of materials.
13. The road to the corral is only to be used by permittees to access the corral. Sandy will get an authorization signed for camp trailers needed for management of the livestock.

Maintenance of Improvements

Permittees are responsible for the maintenance of range improvements assigned below. All fences and water developments must be maintained by the assigned permittee before the cattle will be allowed to enter the specific unit. Please contact our office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **five** days before the cattle enter the unit to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. Time spent and any material purchased and used in completing maintenance should be recorded and the information turned in at the close of the grazing season.

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Permittee	Improvement Name	Number	Permittee	Improvement Name	Number
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch Spring #1	434389	Korey Walker	Burn Mill/Dry Gulch #4	3004
Chad & Shaune	Jefferson Park Spring	434277	Korey Walker	West Burnt Mill	3515
Chad & Shaune	West Hardinger	3091	Korey Walker	77 Flat Tank (west side)	434382A
Chad & Shaune	Flattop #1	3094			
Chad & Shaune	Flattop #2	3095	Korey Walker	Burnt Mill #1	434381
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch-Red Ledges Bdry Fence (Ankar south)	3145	Korey Walker	Dry Gulch #5	434384
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch/Red Ledges/ Bdry Fence	3145	Scott Iorg	Harding Division (Unit 1&2)	3133
Korey Walker	Hardinger Pasture and Corrals	3158	Korey Walker	Burnt Mill/Mud Spring (Unit 1&2)	3134
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch Road -Red Ledges Bdry Fence (Ankar north)	3145A	Scott Iorg	Timothy-Crow Canyon (Units 3&4)	3135
Chad & Shaune	Dry Gulch Spring #3	434386	Korey Walker	Yellowstone Canyon to Division fence	3145
Korey Walker	Upper Holes (Adams)Spring	3502	Scott Iorg	Dry Gulch #2	434722
Korey Walker	Saddle Springs/Dry Gulch #6	434262	Korey Walker	Lower Burnt Mill Reservoir	434385
Korey Walker	Mahogany Spring	3083	Korey Walker	Saddle Spring #2	3505
Scott Iorg	Dry Gulch-Pole Fence	3124	Korey Walker	Dry Gulch Div. Fence	3130
Ute Tribe	Jefferson Park—Nat'l For. Bdry Fence	3001	Scott Iorg	Dry Gulch Div.(Unit 1&4)	3131
Korey Walker	Aspen Springs/Dry Gulch #8	3008	Korey Walker	Holes Spring/Twin Spring	434261
	Big Meadow	3076	Scott Iorg	Corner Spring	3082
Ute Tribe	Dry Gulch Boundary Fence		Korey Walker	Lime Kiln Spring	434371

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should not occur near key areas but in areas that generally receive light use normally. **Do not** salt in open parks and meadows or adjacent to water or troughs, but placed in timbered areas. Remove salt from those areas that have reached proper utilization.

Multiple Use Considerations

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 report locations to Sandy Kaminski.

All hay and straw transported onto the Forest must be tagged as Certified Noxious Weed-Free as directed by Forest Service Order #04-00-097. Noncompliance with this closure order will result in a citation.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and maintenance report included with these operating instructions **needs to be filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season.** Permittees need to turn in separate actual use reports. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Sandy Kaminski at (435) 781-5221 or cell (435) 790-7011. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Sandy Kaminski
Rangeland Management Specialist

2014 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Dry Gulch

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)

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		From	To
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Swift Creek ¹	REST		
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LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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