

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number of livestock</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Brent Miles	50	June 14 to September 20
Roy Sorensen	25	June 14 to September 20
Darryl Sorensen	<u>75</u>	June 14 to September 20
Total Herd Size	150	

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Corner Spring	1 st	6/14 – 7/31	50%
Homestead-Baum Lake	2 nd	8/1 – 8/21	50%
Dry Ridge	3 rd	8/22 – 9/20	50%

The dates of use are to be used as guidelines. Cattle will enter Corner Spring unit first. Cattle will be moved to the Homestead-Baum Lake unit when allowable use has been achieved or at the movement date above. The Dry Ridge unit will be grazed last.

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 all units. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. 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 have been removed from the stalks), 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.

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. A range technician will randomly inspect improvements on the allotment.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
004253	Pigeon Water-Dry Ridge F.	435708	Corner Spring
004486	Baum Lake Fence	435577	Red Bedground Spring
004502	Homestead Spring	435578	Cold Spring
004779	Cabin Spring	435998	Burnt Spring
004780	Monument Spring	004292	Dry Ridge Waterline
432116	Fence Spring		Bull Moose Waterline

Annual Operating Meeting

The meeting was held on March 17, 2014 in Duchesne with Darryl Sorensen, Roy Sorensen, Brent Miles, and Amber Helmus present. Items discussed were:

1. Permittees have a tire for Corner Spring. It needs to be put in this year. Permittees need to let Amber know when it is installed.
2. Darryl requested to be able to use part of the Corner Spring unit by the Forest Boundary and by the Pigeon Water Allotment as an on and off gathering area. Amber said permittees will be allowed to use it at the beginning of the grazing season as a resting area and at the end of the grazing season as a gathering area. Cattle will not be allowed to stay more than 2-3 days at both time periods.
3. Roy mentioned that they would like fencing supplies to reconstruct the fences in Dry Ridge because many are old. They plan to start working on a section of fence every year until the entire fence in the allotment is replaced. Permittees mentioned that they would need a 3-4 day atv permit to transport materials to the area. The permittees need to notify Amber when they plan to work the on fence so Amber can get their atv permit from the District Ranger.
4. Darryl and Amber gps the Bull Moose waterline extension in 2010 and sent the shape files to the Forest Service Archeologists. Cultural clearance will be done this summer and next summer the remaining specialist will complete their field work. NEPA should be completed and ready for implementation in 2016.
5. Permittees mentioned that they need to replace the trough near Dry Canyon Spring. They would like a 300 gallon Rubbermaid trough with approximately ½ mile of pipe. Contact Amber for materials.
6. Permittees mentioned working on the Drift fence on Dry Ridge to Coyote Ridge. Contact Amber for materials.
7. Brent mentioned working on the Lower Dry Ridge Springs and needed 2 troughs and some poly pipe for that project. Contact Amber for the materials.

Multiple Use Considerations

Coordination with permittees on adjacent allotment as well as with wildlife, recreation, watershed, and other National Forest uses is needed. Please continue to notify the Duchesne office if you notice any unauthorized use or resource damage. A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, white top, and other noxious weeds throughout the Duchesne District and Duchesne County. If you find any weeds please make an effort to dig them up and destroy the plant and report the location to Amber Helmus.

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 Amber Helmus at (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
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