

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Left Fork Indian Canyon Cattle Allotment
2014 Annual Operating Instructions**

| Permittee | Number of Head | Non-Use | Season of Use |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Randy Nielsen | 30 | 0 | June 16 – October 15 |
| Rodney Nielsen | 7 Horses | 0 | June 16 – October 15 |
| Doug Nielsen | <u>62</u> | <u>0</u> | June 16 – October 15 |
| Total Herd Size | 99 | 0 | |

Grazing Schedule

| Unit Name | Sequence | Dates of Use | Allowable Use |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Lower Canyon | 1 st | 6/16 – 7/31 | 50% |
| Jones Hollow | 2 nd | 8/1 – 9/15 | 50% |
| Spring Hollow | 3 rd | 9/16 – 10/15 | 50% |

The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. 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. A 4” to 6” stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. wiregrass) shall be left in the stream corridor. Permittees should closely monitor key areas (stream corridors). 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 and stalks have been removed from the plants), which indicates about 60% use or greater. When allowable use in the key areas 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 Plan Meeting

Annual meeting was held March 13, 2014 in Duchesne, Utah with Doug Nielsen, Randy Nielsen, Rodney Nielsen and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. There are currently no proposed projects on the allotment at this time.

Maintenance of Improvements

All improvements must be maintained before cattle will be allowed to enter the first unit to be grazed. Please contact our office **five** days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements. Also, as discussed in the annual meeting all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire etc.) need to be removed from the National Forest. The following improvements are on the Left Fork Indian Canyon Allotment:

Improvement Checklist

| Permittee | Improvement Number | Improvement Name |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Randy Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen | Clay Spring | 436594 |
| Randy Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen | Doe Spring | 436685 |
| Randy Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen | Jones Spring #4 | 436679 |
| Randy Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen | Jones Hollow Private Fence #1 | |
| Randy Nielsen & Rodney Nielsen | Jones Hollow Private Fence #2 | 004198 |
| Doug Nielsen | Jones Spring #2 | 436598 |
| Doug Nielsen | Lookout Spring | 436674 |
| Doug Nielsen | North Spring Hollow Spring | 436678 |
| Doug Nielsen | Upper Jones Spring | 436686 |
| Doug Nielsen | Devils Slide Spring | 436680 |
| Doug Nielsen | Indian Canyon Boundary Fence | 004210 |
| Doug Nielsen | Jones Spring #1 | 436601 |
| Doug Nielsen | Nielsen Spring | 437059 |
| Doug Nielsen | Swede Spring | 436677 |
| Doug Nielsen | Spring Hollow Drift Fence | 004211 |

Noxious Weed Control

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. Musk Thistle, whitetop, and Russian knapweed have been found in Left Fork Indian Canyon. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please take contact Amber Helmus.

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should occur on the alluvial fans vegetated with bullgrass. **Do not** salt in or near the stream corridor.

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

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2014 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Left Fork Indian Canyon

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 | Order of Use | Dates Used | |
|---------------|-----------------|------------|----|
| | | From | To |
| Lower Canyon | 1 st | | |
| Jones Hollow | 2 nd | | |
| Spring Hollow | 3 rd | | |

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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