

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Mill Hollow Cattle Allotment
2014 Annual Operating Plan**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season</u>
William Marsing Livestock Inc.	150		June 16 to October 15

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Head of Indian Canyon-Grassy Hollow	1 st	6/16 – 8/15	50%
Mill Hollow-Indian Canyon	2 nd	8/16 – 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. Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species (i.e. bullgrass) is 50% and a 4” to 6” stubble height for riparian forage species. Permittees should closely monitor key areas (i.e. Kentucky bluegrass meadows). 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.

The grazing fee will be \$1.35 per head month this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures before cattle will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual meeting was held March 12, 2014 in Wellington, Utah. In attendance were Kyle Butcher, Carol Butcher, Bill Butcher and Amber Helmus. The following items discussed were:

1. The Church Camp fire that occurred in 2012 damaged several of the upper troughs and fences between Mill Hollow and Argyle. Permittees will determine what improvements need to be replaced this spring. Clements Spring and the pasture fence behind the guard station are a few known improvements that need repaired. Contact Amber for materials.
2. Permittees mentioned that they need to replace the trough in Wide Hollow and needs 100ft of pipe and an 8ft galvanized trough. Contact Amber for materials.

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 before the cattle enter the allotment to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements. 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 Mill Hollow Allotment:

Improvement Checklist

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004503	Wide Hollow Spring	436388	Butcher Hollow Spring
436684	Wish Spring	436589	White Pine Spring
436881	Clements Spring	436659	Grassy Hollow Spring
437099	Mill Hollow Spring	437072	Water Hollow Spring
436668	Ross Station Spring	437098	Clement Spring-55 drum
436682	Matt's Spring		

Multiple Use Considerations

Coordination with permittees on adjacent allotments along with wildlife, recreation, watershed and other National Forest uses in needed. Please 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, 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 take contact Amber Helmus.

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**. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 781-5205 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 Mill Hollow

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	
		From	To
Mill Hollow-Indian Canyon	1 st		
Head of Indian Canyon-Grassy Hollow	2 nd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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