

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Wilbur Bench Cattle Allotment
2014 Annual Operating Instructions**

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| <u>Permittee</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Non-Use</u> | <u>Season of Use</u> |
| Michael Vanderhoof | 90 | 45 | June 7 to October 2 |

Grazing Schedule

| Unit Name | Sequence | Dates of Use | Allowable Use |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge | 1 st | 6/7 – 7/22 | 50% |
| Tub Ridge | 2 nd | 7/23 – 9/7 | 50% |
| Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon | 3 rd | 9/8 – 10/2 | 50% |

The above dates are to be used as guidelines. Cattle will enter and be distributed in the Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge unit first. When allowable use is reached, the cattle will move onto the Tub Ridge unit. Cattle will graze the Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon 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 March 17, 2014. 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 boundary fence by the first cattleguard on Reservation Ridge needs to be fixed this year. Contact Amber for materials.
2. The cattleguard at the boundary fence on Reservation Ridge needs to be cleaned out. Amber will contact the Forest Service engineers to get it cleaned.

- 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

2014 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% |
| Tub Ridge | 2 nd | | | 50% |
| Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon | 3 rd | | | 50% |

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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