

**2026 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE
CURRANT CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT**

These Annual Operating Instructions are a guide for grazing management on the Currant Creek Allotment for this grazing season. This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Refer to Part 2 of your grazing permit for other general terms and conditions.

PERMITTED/AUTHORIZED USE:

Permittee	Cow No.	Horse No.	Season
Current Creek Grazing LLC	865 Cow/Calf	2	6/16 to 10/15
Dalas Jones	158 Cow/Calf		6/16 to 10/15
Chase Potter	75 Cow/Calf		6/16 to 10/15
Total	1,098		

TRAILING:

Cattle may be trailed along the Currant Creek Road or trucked. All trailing on the Forest is to be done within the permitted grazing season (06/16 to 10/15). The area between the Forest boundary and the cattle guard is not to be used as a resting or mothering up area.

GRAZING ROTATION:

SEQUENCE	UNIT NAME
1 st	Coal Mine Hollow
1 st	Hildas/Jones
1 st	Bill Basin
3 rd	Scotty Basin/Coyote
4 th	Roundy Basin
5 th	Tut Creek
6 th	Alvies Bench
7 th	Racetrack

*Due to drought conditions, the grazing rotation will stay the same as last year.

On and off date and the rotation sequence is to be followed unless the Heber-Kamas District Ranger authorizes a change in writing. Time spent in each pasture may vary depending on weather and when standards are met. It is the permittee’s responsibility to monitor the use and move the cattle before standards are exceeded. Standards to be used are outlined in the following section.

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 are at \$1.69/cow-calf this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection, at the Heber-Kamas District Office or online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/billpay> before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN MEETING:

The annual operating meeting was held on March 9, 2026, in Duchesne, UT. Those in attendance were Dalas Jones, Chase Potter, Greg Mckee, Dustin Clayburn, and Amber Helmus. The following items were discussed:

1. Drought conditions were discussed about the upcoming grazing season. Several options such as early on, livestock numbers and early off dates were discussed. The Permittee and Forest Service will discuss any changes to those proposed options closer to the permitted-on date. If possible, the permittee was advised to consider taking less numbers for this grazing season to help elevate grazing pressure on the allotment.
2. Permittees mentioned the cattleguard at Jumpoff that the road crew filled in still hasn't been cleaned.
3. Permittees mentioned that improvement #363029 Coyote Ridge fence needs to be rerouted 100yards to go around the dispersed campsite. Gates on this fence keep getting left open and if fence is rerouted then campers would not need to open the gate. This project was approved. Permittees need EZ Braces and wire and posts.
4. Improvement #363042 Racetrack Creek Basin Reservoir needs to be cleaned out. Contact Amber a week before permittees want to work on the pond.
5. Permittees mentioned they need install the 12ft gate on the old access road to prevent the public from driving on the trail to Roundy Basin. Permittees have the gate and plan to install it this summer.
6. Permittees mentioned they needed three 12ft gates for the Low Pass fence.
7. A rider schedule was discussed. It was determined that each permittee would take certain time frames throughout the grazing season where they would be responsible for the herd. Permittees who are not scheduled as the "head herder" are still responsible for assisting the head herder and fixing any range improvements. Based on livestock numbers Current Creek Grazing LLC have 10 weeks, Chae Potter 1 week and Dalas Jones 2 weeks. The first 2 weeks and last 2 weeks of grazing season, all permittees need to be helping with livestock. Permittees are going to work together on a schedule and provide that to Amber before livestock begin grazing.

STANDARDS:

Riparian Habitat Conservation Area (RCHA) includes traditional riparian corridors, wetlands, perennial and intermittent streams, and other areas that help maintain the

integrity of aquatic ecosystems. There are three RCHA classes of varying levels of protection: Class I with widths extending 300 feet from each edge of the waterbody (600 feet total); Class II with widths extending 200 feet from each edge of the waterbody (400 feet total); and Class III with widths extending 100 feet from each edge of the waterbody (200 feet total).

Limit grazing to meet the following utilization levels within RHCAs based on the average current year's growth.

RCHA Class	Minimum Percent of Stream Length	Utilization Standard by Season of Use			
		Very Early – Early		Mid – Late Seral	
		Early	Late	Early	Late
Minimum Greenline Stubble Height¹					
Class I	90%	5"	6"	4"	5"
Class II	80%	4"	5"	3"	4"
Class III	70%	3"	4"	2"	3"
Forage Utilization Limits²					
Class I	90%	45%	35%	55%	45%
Class II	80%	50%	40%	60%	50%
Class III	70%	60%	50%	65%	55%
Willow Utilization²					
Class I	90%	N/A	35%	N/A	50%
Class II	80%	N/A	35%	N/A	45%
Class III	70%	N/A	35%	N/A	50%

¹ Height of key species (palatable, hydrophytic species indicative of mid to late seral riparian plant communities, or as indicated in the site-specific Allotment Management Plan). If acceptable “key species” are absent from a site, only utilization standards shall be used.

² Percent of total average annual growth.

Limit grazing to meet the following utilization levels on non-riparian vegetation types outside the RHCAs based on the annual average of the current year's growth.

Vegetation Type	Forage Utilization	
	Very Early – Early Seral	Mid – Late Seral
General Uplands and Winter Range		
Upland shrublands (sagebrush, snowberry, mountain mahogany species, cliffrose, bitterbrush, saltbrush, and mountain brush)	40%	60%
Grasslands	45%	65%
Forest-wide		
Sub-alpine shrublands	25%	35%
Sub-alpine grasslands	40%	45%

Maintain at least 70 percent of potential effective ground cover to provide nutrient cycling and protect the soil from erosion in excess of soil loss tolerance limits in non RHCA areas.

Maintain adequate ground cover to filter runoff and prevent detrimental erosion in RHCAs as follows.

RHCA	Minimum Ground Cover Requirement	Minimum Percent of RHCA to Meet Requirement
Class I	90% of Potential	90%
Class II	80% of Potential	80%
Class III	80% of Potential	70%

MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS:

The permittee is responsible for all improvements assigned in the term grazing permits and as shown on the attached map. Maintenance shall mean the timely repair of management facilities to a condition adequate to perpetuate the life of the facility and to serve the purpose intended. All improvements will be maintained to the standard for which they were constructed. Maintenance includes permittee responsibility for furnishing the materials needed for repairs.

All range improvements must be maintained before whichever of the following comes first, the turning of livestock into the pasture or before the improvement is needed for the management of livestock on adjacent allotments. It is the responsibility of the permittee to talk to permittees of adjacent allotments to find out when livestock are moving into nearby pastures so improvements can be maintained in a timely manner.

ID No.	Improvement Name	Permittee	ID No.	Improvement Name	Permittee
363022	Currant CR-Buck Pasture Fence	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter	363034	Racetrack Drift Fence	C&C Livestock
363083	Upper Becky Basin Fence	C&C Livestock	363083	Lower & Middle Becky Basin Fence	C&C Livestock
363015	Currant Creek Cabin	C&C Livestock	363085	Metal Cattle Corral	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter
363039	Alvies Bench Pond 3 & Spring	C&C Livestock	363037	Upper Racetrack Res. & Spring	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter
363041	Alvies Bench Pond 1 & Spring	C&C Livestock	363049	Upper Racetrack Res. 1 & Spring	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter
363004	Jump Off Fence	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter	363050	Upper Racetrack Res. 2 & Spring	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter
363032	Racetrack Bdry Fence	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter	363045	Pass Creek Guard Fence	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter

363119	Pass Creek Canal Fence	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter	363052	Currant Creek Sheep Corral	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter
363002	Coyote Ridge Spring/Trough	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter	363054	Fitzgerald Pond 1 & Spring	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter
363056	Fitzgerald Pond 3 & Spring	Dalas Jones/Chase Potter	363006	Current CR RD Project Fence	C&C Livestock
363017	Indian Crossing Fence	C&C Livestock	363023	North Low Pass Pasture Fence	C&C Livestock
36324A-C	Low Pass Allot. Bdry West-Mid-East-North	C&C Livestock	363028	White Ledge Trough Exclosure	C&C Livestock
363029	South Low Pass Pasture Fence	C&C Livestock	363030	Roundy Basin Ridge Fence	C&C Livestock
363035	Bill Basin Bdry Fence	C&C Livestock	363040	Coal Mine Hollow Bdry Fence	C&C Livestock
363043	Coal Mine Hollow Road Fence	C&C Livestock	363064	Rt. Fork Currant Cr Rd Fence	C&C Livestock
363080	Jake's Spring Fence	C&C Livestock	363098	Willow Creek Pond	C&C Livestock
363001	Coal Mine Hollow Pond 1	C&C Livestock	363018	Low Pass Pond 1	C&C Livestock
363042	Racetrack Creek Basin Res.	C&C Livestock	363059	Currant Ck. Rd. Fence	C&C Livestock
363025	Low Pass Pond 2	C&C Livestock	363055	Ralph's Trough	C&C Livestock
363098	Willow Creek Pond	C&C Livestock	363062	Coal Mine Protection Fence	C&C Livestock
363063	Coyote Ridge Road Fence	C&C Livestock			

The permittee is to notify the Heber-Kamas District 30 days in advance of doing any pond cleaning. This time period will be used to check for heritage resources and Threatened and Endangered species.

MAPS AND RECORDS:

1. Enclosed are allotment maps with pasture boundaries, allotment pastures and improvement locations.
2. The permittee is required to complete an "actual use" form, which is attached and includes space to record livestock losses, on and off dates, pasture rotation dates and the permittee's maintenance costs. This form is to be returned to the Heber-Kamas Ranger District by November 31 of this year.
3. The deadline for applying for credit for unused portion of grazing fees is December 31 of this calendar year. Credit will only be given for time not used due to a request by the Forest Service. Time not used due to the discretion of the permittee is not subject to reimbursement or credit on next year's billing.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT:

All hay and straw transported onto the Forest must be certified weed free and have a certification tag. Noncompliance with this closure order will result in a citation.

Please notify the Heber-Kamas Ranger District immediately if unauthorized livestock use occurs on the allotment.

The permittee is to notify the Heber-Kamas Ranger District 5 days in advance when livestock are going to be put on or taken off the Forest. Cattle are not to enter the Forest until Forest Service personnel have counted the herd. It is the responsibility of the permittee to make arrangements in advance for Forest Service personnel to count the cattle before they enter the Forest. The arrangements for counting cattle on must be agreed to and finalized with Amber Helmus or Daniel Jauregui.

Careful attention to herding is required on the allotment to control cattle in and scattered throughout the area scheduled for use. Herding should be in such a manner that the riparian areas are grazed in conjunction with the upland so that utilization is somewhat uniform throughout the pasture. Cattle are to be moved out of the pasture before standards are exceeded. Once cattle are removed from a pasture they are not be allowed to return to that pasture. If use in the pastures designated for grazing are met or exceeded before the end of the grazing season cattle are to be removed from Forest Service administered land.

Grazing of riparian areas should be incidental to watering of livestock.

Salt should be placed at least 200 yards from water sources and riparian areas so that cattle do not spend excessive time near water.

Amber Helmus, Rangeland Management Specialist or Daniel Jauregui, Heber-Kamas District Ranger are to be contacted prior to any deviation from the Annual Operation Instructions.

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