



2026
Three Creeks
Cattle & Sheep Allotment
 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
 Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
 Ogden Ranger District

Please review your Grazing Agreement prior to grazing livestock on National Forest System (NFS) lands. These Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) are made part of your Grazing Agreement consistent with Section F, Item 3. Situations may develop during the grazing season that require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. The dates listed are tentative and will be adjusted based on available feed and use in each unit.

Allotment	Permittee	Permitted Livestock	Permitted Season	Ear Tag/Mark	Authorized #	Authorized Season
Three Creeks	Three Creeks Grazing, LLC	3,195 Cattle	6/1–9/20	Blue <i>(North)</i>	1,674	9/9–9/19
		<i>(Split between 2 herds)</i>	6/1–9/20	Yellow <i>(South)</i>	1,827	6/18–7/6 7/29–8/25
Three Creeks	Three Creeks Grazing, LLC	1,257 Sheep	8/1–9/30		1,257	8/1–9/30
Three Creeks	Three Creeks Grazing, LLC	1,100 Sheep	6/10–10/7		1,100	6/10–10/4
Three Creeks	Three Creeks Grazing, LLC	1,200 Sheep	7/1–10/7		1,200	7/1–9/30

*Dates are approximate. On-portion (NFS) = 88%, Off-portion (NFS) = 12%. The association will adhere to the total number of on-and-off provision head months by adjusting the number of livestock and/or number of days within the period of use.

Rotation Schedule:

For pasture rotation schedules, please refer to the 2026 Three Creeks Grazing Plan (Fig. 2, Pg. 6).

Ear Tags: All cattle will be tagged with Forest Service (FS) – Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued ear tags prior to entering the forest for the 2026 grazing season. Blue and yellow ear tags have been issued for the north and south herds, respectively. Replacement tags will be available for pick up as needed. Tags will be fastened to each mature cow with the **tag number facing forward**. The **FS-BLM logo must be visible on the backside** of each tag (do not place another tag adjacent to FS-BLM tags). Replacement tags will replace existing numbers assigned to each permittee. Lost tags must be identified by number.

Turn Out: Livestock are to be distributed throughout the pasture on the same day as they are turned out. Livestock are not to be turned out onto areas of resource concern (e.g. riparian areas) or areas of concentrated public use (e.g. trailheads).

Pasture Moves: Open gates on the scheduled move date to allow livestock to drift into the next pasture. Complete the pasture sweep to gather remaining livestock and close the gate to meet the exit for the pasture.

Exit: All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the off date. The off date for a pasture is the date when the livestock are to be out of a unit, or in the case of the last pasture, fully off NFS lands. It is your responsibility to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Extensions: Any extension of the authorized grazing season must be requested in advance of the off date (14-21 days) to allow time for inspection and billing of additional grazing fees. Extensions are not guaranteed and will only be authorized in writing.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

1. Contact the District’s range staff at least 5 days prior to the authorized on-date to confirm that the rangeland is ready and that all required maintenance is complete.
2. Livestock will graze across each unit once. They will not be allowed back across that unit unless it is to trail off the allotment. Livestock will not be shaded, bedded and/or salted in the same place more than one day or night, nor will they be allowed to shade on water.
3. Please take extra effort in distributing livestock into uplands and less desirable areas in the grazing unit. Use all available methods to achieve distribution such as extensive herding/riding and placement of salt and/or mineral supplements.
4. Salt and/or mineral supplements must be placed at least ¼ mile away from canyon bottoms, roads, water, and areas where livestock tend to concentrate. Remove blocks and bags from the Forest at the end of the grazing season.
5. Drought conditions may develop this season depending on precipitation levels. Please be prepared to remove your livestock from the Forest prior to the authorized off date.
6. Keep stockman camps clean, orderly, and properly dispose of litter and human waste. Bulk storage of fuels and hazardous materials is not allowed. Camps are provided for livestock management purposes, and not recreational or other activities.
7. Stay alert for Campfire Restrictions and inform your herders/riders of any Special Orders issued by the Forest Service.
8. Dead livestock near any campsite, live stream, spring, roadway, or trail must be moved at least 300 feet away from these areas within 48 hours of discovery or notification.
9. All hay or straw used on NFS lands must be tagged or marked as weed free or have original and current evidence of weed free certification documentation present, as directed by the USDA Weed Free Hay Order.
10. Hauling water will be authorized in writing and a watering site determined before it is authorized.

UTILIZATION STANDARDS

It is the responsibility of the permittee to monitor livestock use and follow the utilization standards and guidelines described below. When utilization levels are reached for a pasture or the allotment as a whole, livestock will be moved to next scheduled pasture or off the Forest. The Forest Service may perform compliance inspections throughout the grazing season or after livestock have been removed.

Grazing Utilization and Stubble Height Standards

Vegetation Type	Condition	Utilization or Stubble Height Standard
Upland and Aspen	Satisfactory	50%
Upland and Aspen	Unsatisfactory	40%
Upland/Riparian Shrubs and Trees (all classes)	All	50% of current year’s growth
Riparian Class I (away from greenline)	Satisfactory	50%
Riparian Class I (away from greenline)	Unsatisfactory	40%
Riparian Class II & III (away from greenline)	Satisfactory	60%
Riparian Class II & III (away from greenline)	Unsatisfactory	40%
Riparian Class I (greenline)	All	≥ 5”
Riparian Class II (greenline)	All	≥ 4”
Riparian Class III (greenline)	All	≥ 3”

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

You are responsible for maintenance of all range improvements assigned to you in your grazing agreement. All assigned improvements must be maintained to standard whether grazing occurs or not.

Fences: All exterior fences must be maintained to standard prior to the earliest turn on date of either yourself or your neighbor on the adjacent allotment. It is your responsibility to coordinate with your neighbor to ensure that the maintenance occurs on time. All interior fences must be maintained to standard prior to turning livestock against them. All let-down fences must be laid down within 45 days of the end of the grazing season.

Water Developments: Water developments must be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering the pasture containing the development. All water developments must be winterized (if needed) within 45 days of the end of the grazing season.

Failure to properly complete the assigned maintenance to standard and in a timely manner may result in action being taken against the grazing agreement.

Motor vehicle use is restricted to designated roads and trails. Exemptions for required range improvement construction or maintenance will include the location of the use, vehicle class and time of year as specified below:

Projects:

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Location	Purpose	Dates	Vehicles	Access	Notes
High Country South/Frazier Pasture Fence	Reconstruction	6/1–9/30	Skidsteer/UTV	Rd 144, 216	Randy Hoffman
Old Canyon Pipeline	Repair Pressure Break	6/1–9/30	Back-Hoe	Rd 061	Randy Hoffman
Moose and Stove Pond	Cleaning	5/10–5/31	Back-Hoe	FS Rd 130	Junior Goring

PERMIT WAIVERS

The permittee is required to provide advanced written notice of any plans to execute a permit waiver based on the sale of permitted livestock and/or base property.

BILLING & NON-USE

The 2026 grazing fees are **\$1.69** (cattle) and **\$0.34** (sheep) per head month. Grazing bills are due 10 days before the authorized on-date. Livestock owned and/or controlled by the permittee will not be allowed on Forest Service administered lands until grazing fees specified on the Bill for Collection are paid.

Personal convenience non-use must be requested in advance of the permitted “on date”. Approval of non-use is not automatic. In the absence of approved non-use, the permittee must place 90% or more of the permitted numbers on the allotment. Non-use applies only to numbers and not to dates. Personal convenience non-use will not normally be approved for more than three consecutive years or for more than four years in any consecutive ten-year period. A permit cannot be waived based on sale of permitted livestock if that permit is in personal convenience non-use status.

EXCESS USE

Any livestock on the allotment after the off date may be considered excess use and billed according to the excess use rate and may result in action being taken against your grazing agreement.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Violations of the Terms and Conditions of your grazing agreement, including these Annual Operating Instructions, will result in action being taken against your agreement. If violations occur, you will be notified and informed of the violation, the remedy and timeframe required to correct the violation and the consequences if you fail to remedy the situation.

COOPERATION

Communication is essential to manage livestock effectively on this allotment. Timely responses are required to avoid potential problems. Please work closely with the District range staff. Your Rangeland Management Specialist is Anthony VonNiederhausern, (435) 994-9424. Our mailing address is:

USDA Forest Service
1500 East Highway 89
Logan, UT 84321

Web address to access AOI: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/uinta-wasatch-cache/natural-resources/range>

Approved By: _____ Date: _____
District Ranger

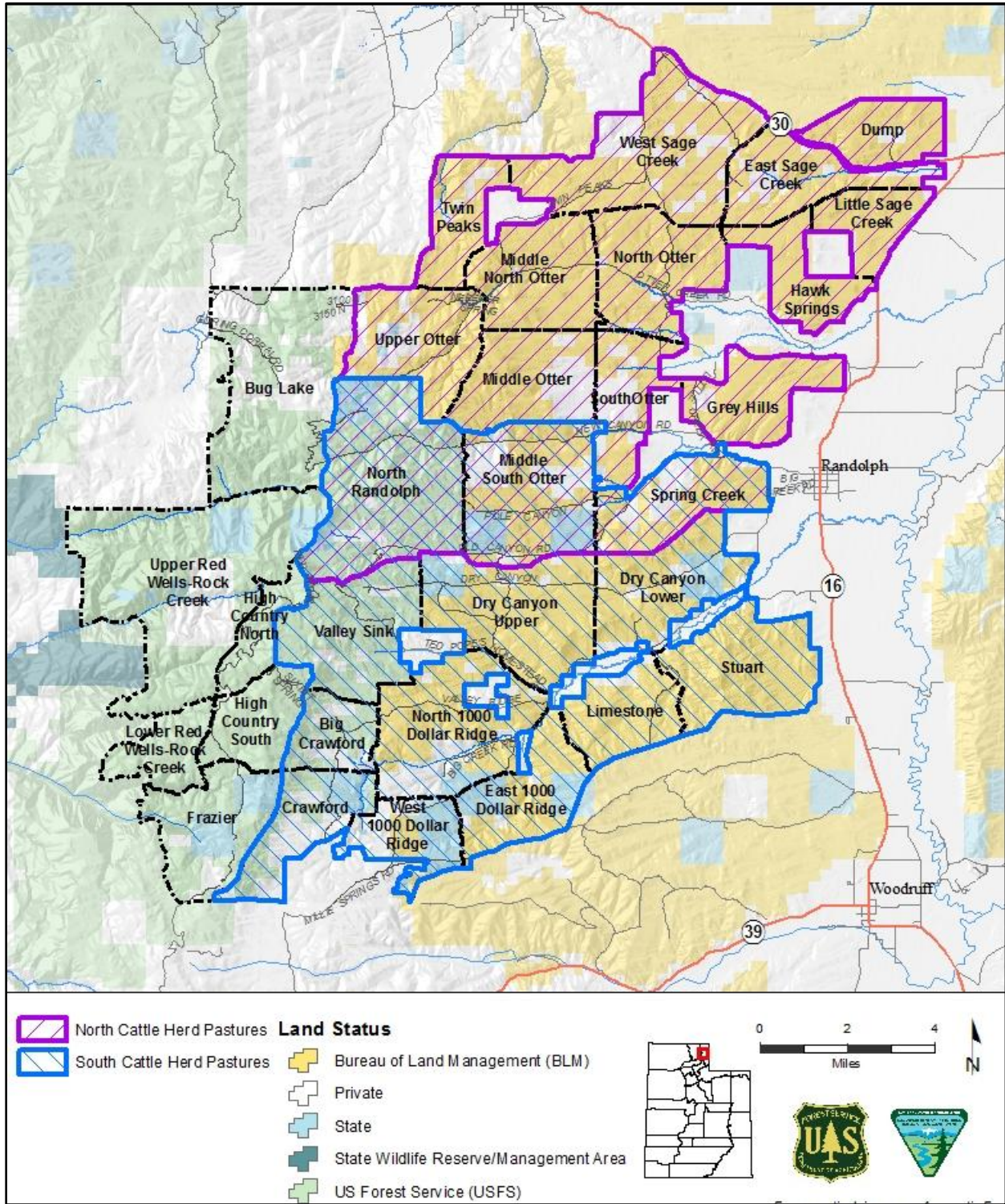


Figure 1. Pastures and cattle herd areas on National Forest System lands within the Three Creeks Allotment.


2026 Three Creeks Grazing Plan					
Date Range	# Days	Pasture Name	Head Number	Animal Type	Notes
North Herd					
May 15 - May 28	14	Little Sage Creek	1389	Cattle	
May 11 - June 2	23	Dump	285	Cattle	
May 29 - June 11	14	Hawk Springs	1389	Cattle	
June 12 - June 30	19	East Sage	1674	Cattle	Combine
July 1 - July 21	21	West Sage	1674	Cattle	
July 22 - Aug 4	14	North Otter	1674	Cattle	
Aug. 5 - Aug. 20	16	Middle North Otter	1674	Cattle	
Aug. 21- Sept. 8	19	Upper Otter	1674	Cattle	
Sept. 9- Sept. 19	11	North Randolph	1674	Cattle	North Side
Trail Through	-	Middle South Otter	1674	Cattle	Trail Through
Sept. 20 - Sept. 25	6	South Otter	1674	Cattle	
South Herd					
May 15 - June 1	18	Spring Creek	1827	Cattle	
June 2 - June 17	16	Middle South Otter	1827	Cattle	
June 18 - July 6	19	North Randolph	1827	Cattle	South Side
July 6 - July 8	3	Dry Canyon Upper	1827	Cattle	Trail Through
July 8 - July 28	21	North Thousand Dollar	1827	Cattle	
July 29 - Aug. 10	13	Big Crawford	1827	Cattle	
Aug. 11 - Aug. 25	15	Crawford	1827	Cattle	
Aug. 26 - Aug. 28	3	West Thousand Dollar	1827	Cattle	Trail Through
Aug. 29 - Sept. 16	19	East Thousand Dollar	1827	Cattle	
Sept. 17 - Sept. 25	9	Limestone	1827	Cattle	
Sheep Grazing					
May 26 - July 3	Argyle	Grey Hills	800	Sheep	
June 10 - Oct. 4	Goring	Bug Lake	1100	Sheep	
July 1 - Sept. 10	Goring	Upper Red Wells/Rock Creek	1200	Sheep	
Sept. 11 - Sept. 30	Goring	High Country North	1200	Sheep	
Sept. 25 - Nov. 1	Goring	Twin Peaks	1500	Sheep	
Nov. 10 - Nov. 16	Pearl	West Sage Creek	900	Sheep	
Dec. 27 - Jan. 5	Pearl	North Otter	900	Sheep	
Jan. 6 - Jan. 31	Pearl	Middle South Otter	900	Sheep	
March 1 - March 15	Pearl	South Otter	900	Sheep	
Aug. 1 - Aug. 15	Edgington	Crawford	1257	Sheep	
Aug. 16 - Aug. 31	Edgington	Frazier	1257	Sheep	
Sept. 1 - Sept. 15	Edgington	Lower Red Wells/Rock Creek	1257	Sheep	
Sept. 16 - Sept. 30	Edgington	High Country South	1257	Sheep	
Rested Pastures					
Stuart, Dry Canyon Lower, Dry Canyon Upper, West Thousand Dollar, Valley Sink, Middle Otter					
Approval Signatures:					
Three Creeks Grazing, LLC					
USFS Approval		ASHLEY KLASE	Digitally signed by ASHLEY KLASE Date: 2026.05.19 09:37:09 -06'00'		
BLM Approval		JESSICA WADE	Digitally signed by JESSICA WADE Date: 2026.05.12 17:28:43 -06'00'		

Figure 2. 2026 Three Creeks Grazing Plan.