

**2026 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR THE  
CURRY C&H ALLOTMENT**

These Annual Operating Instructions are a guide for grazing management on the Curry 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:**

<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Cow No.</b>	<b>Season</b>
Max Fabrizio	20	6 July to 25 August

**GRAZING ROTATION:**

Cattle are to graze the entire allotment within the permitted grazing season.

Time spent on the allotment may vary depending on weather and when standards and guidelines are met. It is the permittee's responsibility to monitor the use and move the cattle before standards guidelines are exceeded.

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 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 25, 2026, in Tabiona, UT. Those in attendance were Max Fabrizio 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. No projects scheduled.

**STANDARDS:**

Maximum utilization standards for vegetation types in satisfactory condition as outlined in the following table.

<b>Vegetation Type</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Percent Utilization Key Grass</b>
Upland and Aspen	Satisfactory	50
Crested Wheatgrass	Satisfactory	60
Riparian Class I	Satisfactory	50
Riparian Classes II and III	Satisfactory	60

The utilization standard is 40% in key riparian areas except Shingle Creek for which the standard is 30% and the confluence area and upper stem of the North Fork for which the standard is 30%. Once the utilization standard has been reached on the key riparian area, it will be considered that the utilization standard has been met for the grazing area regardless of the amount of use in adjoining upland areas.

Maximum utilization standards for low to mid elevation greenline species in value class I, II, and III riparian areas in satisfactory condition.

<b>Riparian Value Class</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Stubble height at end of growing season</b>
Riparian Value Class I	Satisfactory	5-6 inches
Riparian Value Class II	Satisfactory	4-5 inches
Riparian Value Class III	Satisfactory	3-4 inches

Ground cover is to be 85% or potential

<b>Vegetation Type</b>	<b>% Ground Cover Range at Potential</b>	<b>85% of potential ground cover</b>
Silver Sagebrush	89 - 96	76 to 82
Mountain sagebrush	81 -96	69 – 82
Low Sagebrush	69	59
Snowberry	92	78
Aspen	90 – 98	77 – 83
Alpine grassland	97 – 100	82 – 85
Tall Forb	49 – 75	42 – 64
Oak brush	92 - 100	78 – 85

**MAPS AND RECORDS:**

1. Enclosed is an allotment map with pasture boundaries.
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.

#### MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS:

The permittee is responsible for all improvements assigned in the term grazing permits and listed in these operating instructions. 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.

#### 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.

*Daniel P. Jauregui*

Daniel Jauregui  
District Ranger

*Amber Helmus*

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Rangeland Management Specialist

## 2026 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Curry Allotment

**PERMITTED/AUTHORIZED USE:**

Permittee	Cow No.	Season
Max Fabrizio	20	6 July to 25 August

Unit	Number of Sheep	Date Entered	Date Left	Number Of Days	Losses		
					Poison	Predators	Other
TOTAL							

Fences Maintained:

Miles \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of materials used: \_\_\_\_\_ Man days: \_\_\_\_\_ Equipment:

Water developments maintained:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of materials used: \_\_\_\_\_ Man days: \_\_\_\_\_ Equipment:

COMMENTS: (Include needed range improvements)

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