


**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt Duchesne Ranger District
Yellowstone Cattle Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non Use</u>	<u>Season</u>
	140	60	June 16 to Sept 25
	<u>24</u>	<u>10</u>	June 16 to Sept 25
Total Herd Size	234	70	

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Sagebrush Treated	1 st	6/16 – 7/16	50%
Pipeline-Harmston Basin	2 nd	7/17 – 8/17	50%
Cow Canyon-Reservoir	2 rd	7/17 – 8/17	50%
* Grants Spring-Wilderness	3 rd	8/18 – 9/18	40%
Boundary	4 th	9/19 – 9/25	50%

*Allowable use in wilderness portion of unit, meadows, and riparian is 40%.

The dates above are guidelines. **Cattle need to be moved from unit to unit when allowable use is reached in key areas (those areas where cattle spend most of their time and utilization is reached first).** When allowable use is met on each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit. It will be the permittees' responsibility to gauge utilization. Cattle will leave the allotment by September 25th or sooner if allowable use is met. A maximum of 1-2 days drifting from one unit to the next will be allowed.

As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units except the Wilderness unit. In the wilderness unit, allowable use is 40%. A 4” stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. sedges) shall be left in all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows) following the grazing season. Prior to July 20th, residual stubble height following grazing may exceed 4” (regrowth will occur prior to first hard freeze). After July 20th, grazing cannot exceed the 4” stubble height. Permittees should closely monitor key areas. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the key areas have a “mowed” look to them (i.e. all grass seed heads have been removed from the stalks), which indicates about 60% use or greater. Some notable riparian areas on the allotment include the wet meadows in the wilderness.

Salt will be placed 100 feet off roads and trails and at least 300 feet from streams, ponds, and troughs. Old established salt grounds should not be used. Salt will be moved from areas where proper utilization has been reached. **Dead livestock on Forest Service administered land within 300 feet of any live stream, spring, or roadway must be promptly removed and properly disposed of.**

A range employee will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements. Exceeding allowable use standards is not permitted. 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 before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest. It can take two to three week for payment to go through Lockbox so **please pay your bill by the due date.**

Prior to transfer of a grazing permit, written notification of intent to waive the permit based on sale of permitted livestock or base property is needed prior to submitting a waiver/application.

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held on April 10, 2025 with [REDACTED] present. The following items were discussed:

1. The [REDACTED] Yellowstone cattle will be tagged with purple ear tags in 2024. No purple tagged cattle will be allowed on the Petty Mountain allotment. If cattle with purple ear tags are found on the Petty Mountain allotment the permittees need to remove them from the allotment.
2. The Forest Service is looking at treating sagebrush areas, areas dominated with cheatgrass, and areas with conifer encroachment on the allotment.
3. The East Mckune spring pipeline will be looked at for replacement this summer. Possible GIP project.
4. The proposed corral in the Boundary pasture was approved. The permittees will look at the site and come up with a corral design this summer. Construction may start this summer also.
5. The Moon Lake Electric dam is still planned for removal. Work is expected to start with sluicing the pond this spring. Decommission of the dam and pipeline may begin in 2026. Sandy discussed installation of the approved waterline from the Yellowstone GS spring to supply water to the Pipeline trough. Possible GIP project.
6. Drought conditions were discussed. Snowpack has been well below average for this area. If dry conditions persist through the spring and summer months livestock numbers may need to be reduced or livestock may need to come off the allotment early. Utilization levels will need to be monitored closely.

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. A Forest technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. All water developments will be maintained jointly by all the permittees.

Range Improvement Checklist

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
3092	East McKune Spring	3023	Grants Spring
3029	Upper Cow Cyn Spring	3021	Yellowstone Stock Pond
3027	Crystal Spring	3010	Little Water Complex
3018	Pipeline Trough #1	3009	Freestone Spring
3024	Pipeline Trough #2	3117	Yellowstone Bridge
3022	Yellowstone GS Spring	3112	Yellowstone Ridge DF
3113	Little Water Drift Fence	3118	Yellowstone DriF #4-#5
3128	Yellowstone DF (ranch)	3129	Units 1-2 Drift Fence
3139	Yellowstone Wash Fence	3140	Riverview Drift Fence
3147	Yellowstone Bdy Fence		Pipeline Trough #3

Multiple Use Considerations

A concentrated effort is being made to control Musk Thistle, Canada Thistle, Whitetop, Giant Whitetop, Russian Knapweed and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts, along with Duchesne and Uintah counties. Your help in controlling weeds is needed. If you find any of the above listed weeds, please report the location to Sandy Kaminski.

All hay and straw transported onto the Forest must be tagged as Certified Noxious Weed-Free as directed by Forest Service Order #04-00-097. Noncompliance with this closure order will result in a citation.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record maintenance report **needs to be completely filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season**. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, please contact Sandy at (435) 790-7011.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
Forest Supervisor

Actual Use Record

Allotment Yellowstone **YEAR** 2025

To be completed by the Permittee showing actual use, cost and losses. Please complete one form for each allotment and mail or dropped off to the Duchesne Ranger District Office, 85 West Main Duchesne, UT 84021 by December 31st.

Pasture/Unit	Number Grazed	Date On	Date Off
Sagebrush Treated			
Grants Spring-Wilderness			
Cow Canyon-Reservoir			
Pipeline-Harmston Basin			
Boundary			

ANNUAL COST RECORD

Activity	Hours	Material Costs	Other Costs (Labor, Travel, etc.)
New Improvements			
Maintenance			
Allotment Management			
Other:			

LOSS RECORD BY NUMBER AND TYPE (example: 3 calves, 1 bull, 2 cows)

Pasture/Unit	Poisonous Plant	Predation	Weather	Disease	Theft	Other (fire, vandalism, hit by a car)	Unknow
Sagebrush Treated							
Grants Spring-Wilderness							
Cow Canyon-Reservoir							
Pipeline-Harmston Basin							
Boundary							

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions)

Signature: _____ Date: _____