

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Blind Stream Cattle Allotment
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee [REDACTED]	Number of Cattle 150	Season June 16 to October 15
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Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Blind Stream East	1 st	6/16 – 7/16	50%
Lake Basin	2 nd	7/17 – 8/13	50%
Swift Creek	3 rd	8/14 – 9/01	50%
Blind Stream West	4 th	9/02 – 9/30	50%
Larsen Hollow	5 th	10/01 – 10/15	50%

The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. Permittees should closely monitor key areas. When allowable use in the key areas is met in each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit. When allowable use is met or on October 15th, livestock will leave the allotment.

As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units. 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. Forest personnel 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. Please keep a record after moving cattle from each unit (including numbers of cattle and dates of use).

Salt will be placed away from water sources and riparian areas and placed on ridge slopes or other areas away from water (at least 100 yards but preferably further). The allotment gates that separates the West Slope unit of the North Fork Duchesne from the East Slope of Blind Stream need to be closed before livestock enter the Blind Stream West unit and periodically monitored.

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.

Annual Operating Planning Meeting

A meeting was held on March 20, 2025 with [REDACTED] present. The following items were discussed:

1. [REDACTED] plans to work on the West slope fence this summer.
2. [REDACTED] will check fences in the timber sale area and reconstruct as needed.
3. Drought conditions were discussed. The western portion of the district has received near normal snowfall this winter but the long range forecast is warmer and dryer than normal. If the weather turns off dry again livestock numbers may need to be reduces or livestock may need to come off the allotment early. Utilization levels will need to be monitored closely.
4. [REDACTED] would like to look at the Lake Basin Spring water system this summer to see what is needed to reconstruct it.

Maintenance of Improvements

All water developments and fences need to be maintained before the cattle are allowed to enter the allotment. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements. If improvements do not meet Forest specifications following an inspection, cattle will not be allowed to enter the allotment until the maintenance is complete. When reworking developments, all discarded material (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, etc.) must be removed from forest property.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #
Lake Basin Spring #2	435112	Sagebrush Ridge Spring	435554
Larsen Hollow Spring	435679	NE Blind Stream Fence	4441 & 4441A
NW Blind Stream Fence	4442 & 4442A	Blind Stream Drift Fence	4215
Slope Spring	435681	Blind Stream Division Fence	4775
Pine Knoll Reservoir	435687	Lake Basin Fence	4493
Blind Stream Reservoir	435687	Upper Farm Creek Spring	435684

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 and maintenance report included with this plan need to be filled out and returned **immediately following the grazing season**. If there are concerns pertaining to the allotment or your permit contact Sandy Kaminski at (435) 790-7011.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
Forest Supervisor

Actual Use Record

Allotment Blind Stream **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
Blind Stream East			
Lake Basin			
Swift Creek			
Blind Stream West			
Larsen Hollow			

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
Larsen Hollow							
Blind Stream East							
Swift Creek							
Lake Basin							
Blind Stream West							

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions):

Signature: _____ Date: _____