

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District
Dry Gulch Cattle Allotment
2025 Modified Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee	Numbers	Non-use	Season of Use
██████████	323		June 20 to September 25
██████████	50		June 20 to September 25
██████████	364		June 20 to September 25
██████████	<u>0</u>	<u>135</u>	June 20 to September 25
Total Herd Size	737	135	

Grazing schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Dry Gulch-Timothy Creek	1 st	6/20– 7/20	50%
Jefferson Park-Upper Dry Gulch	2 nd	7/21– 8/25	50%
Crow Canyon*-Bollie Lake	2 nd	7/21– 8/25	40%
Swift Creek*	2 nd	7/21– 8/25	40%
Mud Springs-Burnt Mill-Limekiln	3 rd	8/26– 9/25	50%
Jackson Park-Saddle Springs-The Holes	Trail Thru	REST	0%

*Grazing units in the High Uintas Wilderness have a 40% allowable use.

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. If allowable use is met prior to the scheduled move date livestock will need to be moved to the next scheduled pasture. **When moved into the next scheduled unit, all cattle must be moved out of the grazed pasture within a week.** Cattle will leave the allotment when utilization standards are met or on September 25th.

Cattle will enter the allotment no earlier than June 20th. Cattle will enter the Dry Gulch-Timothy Creek unit first. When allowable use is met, cattle will be distributed in all the high country units **except** Jackson Park, Saddle Springs and The Holes. In order to preserve feed for drifting livestock later in the season, no cattle will be left in the lower elevations of the high country units (i.e. Upper Dry Gulch) but placed in the higher country such as Swift Creek, Crow Canyon and Jefferson Park. Around late-August, cattle will move into the Mud Springs-Burnt Mill-Limekiln unit and graze until the end of the grazing season. Cattle are scheduled to leave the allotment on September 25th.

Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species is 50% in all units outside the High Uintas Wilderness. 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. A 40% allowable use is the standard guideline for grazing units inside the High Uintas Wilderness Area. 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 60% use or greater.

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 \$1.35 per head month. **Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.** It can take two to three weeks 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 Plan Meeting

A meeting was held on May 22, 2025 with [REDACTED] present. The following items were discussed:

1. The Association will have a rider for the summer.
2. [REDACTED] will serve as association president and secretary/treasurer respectively.
3. The Permittees would like to rebuild the 77 flat division fence from the north side of 77 Flat up to the high country division fence. Plan to apply for GIP funding for this project.
4. A field meeting is scheduled for June 10th.
5. Analysis and water rights for the Burnt Mill pipeline extension and Corner Spring connector projects were discussed.
6. Permittees plan to work on the Lime Kiln spring exclosure fence this summer, Burnt Mill Spring exclosure. They will also look at other spring exclosures that need to be repaired.
7. Plan to look at the water systems in the sinks area, Holes Spring and Aspen Spring, with Sandy this summer.
8. The association would like to have the Mud Springs and Timothy Creek roads graded and drainage
9. work done. There is a lot of erosion taking place.
10. The association asked if FS Road #119 between 77 flat and the Timothy Creek junction could be widened in a couple place to allow room for passing other vehicles while towing a trailer.
11. Upgrade of the Yellowstone ATV trail was discussed with the permittees. UTV users are using the old road and gate at Lime Kiln, then leaving the gate open so the UTV cattle guard needs to be moved over by the gate where it can be seen. Sandy will coordinate with the recreation staff.
12. The association would like to look at doing restoration work in Jefferson Park to increase grass and ground cover. This is an area where the trespass horses off of tribal lands spent the summers which degraded the area. Would also like to look at treating cheatgrass in Lower Mud Springs. The South slope fuels reduction project was discussed.
13. 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

Permittees are responsible for the maintenance of range improvements assigned below. All fences and water developments must be maintained by the assigned permittee before the cattle will be allowed to enter the specific unit. Please contact our office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **five** days before the cattle enter the unit to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. Time spent and any material purchased and used in completing maintenance should be recorded and the information turned in at the close of the grazing season.

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Permittee	Improvement Name	Number	Permittee	Improvement Name	Number
	Dry Gulch Spring #1	434389		Burn Mill/Dry Gulch #4	3004
	Jefferson Park Spring	434277		West Burnt Mill	3515
	West Hardinger	3091		77 Flat Tank (west side)	434382A
	Flattop #1	3094			
	Flattop #2	3095		Burnt Mill #1	434381
	Dry Gulch-Red Ledges Bdry Fence (Ankar south)	3145		Dry Gulch #5	434384
	Dry Gulch/Red Ledges/ Bdry Fence	3145		Harding Division (Unit 1&2)	3133
	Hardinger Pasture and Corrals	3179 3182			
	Lower Jefferson Park Pond	3526		Upper Jefferson Park Pond	3527
	Dry Gulch Road -Red Ledges Bdry Fence (Ankar north)	3145A		Timothy-Crow Canyon (Units 3&4)	3135
	Dry Gulch Spring #3	434386		Upper Dry Gulch Draw #5 Pond	3529
	Upper Holes (Adams)Spring	3502		Dry Gulch #2	434722
	Saddle Springs/Dry Gulch #6	434262		Lower Burnt Mill Reservoir	434385
	Mahogany Spring	3083		Saddle Spring #2	3505
				Dry Gulch Div. Fence	3130
	Jefferson Park—Nat'l For. Bdry Fence	3101		Dry Gulch Div.(Unit 1&4)	3131
	Aspen Springs/Dry Gulch #8	3008		Holes Spring/Twin Spring	434261
	Big Meadow Spring	3076		Corner Spring	3082
	Dry Gulch Boundary Fence	3146		Lime Kiln Spring	434371

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should not occur near key areas but in areas that generally receive light use normally. **Do not** salt in open parks and meadows or adjacent to water or troughs but placed in timbered areas. Remove salt from those areas that have reached proper utilization.

Multiple Use Considerations

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts and Duchesne County. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please report locations 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 these operating instructions **needs to be filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season**. Each permittee needs to turn in a separate actual use report. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Sandy Kaminski at (435) 790-7011. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Joseph David
Acting District Ranger

Actual Use Record

Allotment Dry Gulch **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
Dry Gulch-Timothy Creek			
Jefferson Park-Upper Dry Gulch			
Crow Canyon*-Bollie Lake			
Swift Creek*			
Mud Springs-Burnt Mill-Limekiln			

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
Dry Gulch-Timothy Creek							
Jefferson Park-Upper Dry Gulch							
Crow Canyon*-Bollie Lake							
Swift Creek*							
Mud Springs-Burnt Mill-Limekiln							

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions):

Signature: _____ Date: _____