

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

<b>Permittee</b>	<b><u>Number of livestock</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Use</u></b>	<b><u>Season of Use</u></b>
██████████	50	0	June 21 to September 20
██████████	25	0	June 21 to September 20
██████████	<u>75</u>	0	June 21 to September 20
Total Herd Size	150		

**Grazing Schedule**

<b>Pasture/Unit</b>	<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Dates of Use</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Corner Spring	1 <sup>st</sup>	06/21 – 07/31	50%
Homestead-Baum Lake	2 <sup>nd</sup>	08/01 – 08/21	50%
Dry Ridge	3 <sup>rd</sup>	08/22 – 09/20	50%

The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the units 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. When allowable use is met in each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit.

A range staff member will regularly visit the allotment throughout the grazing season 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 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.**

**Annual Operating Meeting**

The annual meeting was held on April 1, 2025, in Duchesne. In attendance were ██████████

██████████ The following items were discussed:

1. Permittees asked the Forest Service to start reviewing and analyzing the permitted numbers and season of use and available forage on the allotment to see if there can be better way to utilize grazing use on the allotment.
2. Permittees asked about construction a livestock trail up to Red Bed Ground. NEPA will need to be done and funding secured. Plan to look at this proposal this summer.
3. The Dry Canyon fence was heavily damaged and covered with debris during flooding in 2023. Approximately 100 yards of this fence will need to be rebuilt.

4. Drought conditions were discussed. Snowpack has been well below average in the lower elevations 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 the office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **FIVE** days before the cattle go on to allow a forest officer time to inspect the improvements and check range readiness. A range technician will randomly inspect improvements on the allotment.

### **Improvement Checklist**

<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>	<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
4341B	Pigeon Water-Dry Ridge F.	435708	Corner Spring
4486	Baum Lake Fence	435577	Red Bedground Spring
4502	Homestead Spring	435578	Cold Spring
4779	Cabin Spring	4511	Pond Spring
4780	Monument Spring	4292	Dry Ridge Waterline
4146	Fence Spring	4310817	Bull Moose Waterline
4336	Dry Ridge Boundary Fence	4497	Dry Ridge Drift Fence
4146B	Fence Spring Addition	4310817A	Bull Moose Extension
4829	Dry Ridge Corral	435709-ext	Tub Spring Extension

### **Multiple Use Considerations**

Coordination with permittees on adjacent allotments along with wildlife, recreation, watershed and other National Forest uses in needed. Please notify the Duchesne office if you notice any unauthorized use or resource damage. A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Duchesne Ranger District and Duchesne County. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please contact Sandy.

### **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**. 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.

Kristy Groves  
Forest Supervisor

## Actual Use Record

**Allotment**     Dry Ridge     **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 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pasture/Unit	Number Grazed	Date On	Date Off
Corner Spring			
Homestead-Baum Lake			
Dry Ridge			

### 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 Ridge							
Homestead-Baum Lake							
Corner Spring							

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_