

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
[REDACTED]	276	June 11 to September 10
[REDACTED]	18	June 11 to September 10
[REDACTED]	60	June 11 to September 10
[REDACTED]	92	June 11 to September 10
[REDACTED]	<u>130</u>	June 11 to September 10
Total Herd Size	576	

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Bull Pasture	1 st	6/11– 7/2	50%
Snake John	1 st	6/11– 7/20	50%
Hominy Creek	1 st	6/25 – 7/20	50%
Buck Ridge	2 nd	7/3 – 8/11	50%
Pole Creek-Bennion Park	2 nd	7/21 – 8/20	50%
Boundary-Cart Hollow	3 rd	8/21 – 9/10	50%
Upper Buck Ridge	3 rd	8/12 – 9/10	50%

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. 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. A 4” to 6” 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. **When allowable use in the key areas is met in each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit.**

When grazing the Pole Creek-Bennion Park pasture cattle must be spread throughout the unit, this includes dispersal over into the Pole Lake and Bennion Park areas to avoid overuse of the Little Joe Meadow and Pole Mt. portion of the unit.

Forest Service 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. 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 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.

Riding-Distribution

Permittees will be required to provide adequate herding on the allotment. Adequate distribution of livestock will help reduce concentrated use in the key areas (i.e. meadows, stream bottoms). Key areas are those rangelands or riparian areas on the allotment most preferred by livestock and are typically grazed first and receive the most concentrated use. When allowable use is met in key areas, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit or removed from the allotment if it is the last scheduled unit to be grazed. Utilization cages or ocular utilization examinations may be used to determine actual use by livestock.

Use salt as necessary to aide in the distribution of the cattle. Place salt far away from key areas, water, and meadows. Salt needs to be used to help draw cattle into areas that are usually grazed lightly.

Annual Operating Planning Meeting

The annual meeting was held on April 2, 2025 in Roosevelt, UT. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were present. Items discussed include:

1. [REDACTED] plans to replace the Sulfur Spring trough this summer.
2. A project to treat invasive annual species, primarily cheat grass will be looked at for the Bull Pasture and Lower areas of the Boundary/Cart Hollow pastures.
3. Work may start on the Harmston ATV trail this fall or next summer once approved.
4. Plan to look at the trough and headbox at Split Spring in Hominy Creek this summer to determine spring flow and maintenance needs.
5. Cattle are drifting between Buck Ridge and Hominy Creek. Plan to look the possibility of constructing a drift fence.
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

Permittees are responsible for the maintenance of range improvements assigned below. 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. 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 to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improve ment #	Permittee	Improvement Name	Improv ement #	Permittee	Improvement Name
434399		Russel Springs 1-3	3509		Association Spring
434406		White Mule Spring	434424		Snake John Complex (2 troughs)
434292		Elk Spring	434424		Bath Tub trough
434480		Beaver Spring Complex (3 troughs and pipeline	434300		Upper Wildhorse (aka Lightning Killed Bull Spring
3071		Cart Hollow Center Fork Spr	434294		Rock Spring
		Fawn Spring	434427		Colt Spring
		Ray's Spring	3107		Wild Horse Drift thru Rock Spring fence.
3143		FS Bdry from Wild Horse Drift west, includes West Bdry along Pole Creek.	3143		FS Bdry fence-Elk Horn GS to Wild Horse Draw Drift
3108		Cart Hollow-Bdry Spr Drift Fence	3103		Farm Creek Interior Drift Fence
424296		Henry Olsen Draw Spring	434424		Snake John Basin troughs
3109		Davis Park Drift Fence			Robb's Spring
3530		Bull Past. Spring Complex-2 troughs	434422		Split Trough Spring
			434416		Wild Horse Trail Spring
3150		Red Butte-Bull Pasture Boundary Fences	3073		Little Joe Meadow Spring
3106		Sulpher Spring Drift Fence			Dark Canyon spring
3064		Horrocks Spring	3105-3105A		Farm Creek Drift Fence (Dark Canyon)
434432		Sulphur Spring	3143	Association	FS Bdry- West side of Farm Creek
3072		Woodard Spring	434420	Association	Holes Enclosure Spring
*3540		Snake John-Buck Ridge Div. Fence	*3201	Association	Farm Creek Stock Corral
3061	Association	Logged Up Water	3177	Association	Pole Creek-Buck Ridge Drift fence
3085	Association	Poison Camp Spring		Association	Coal Mine Draw Drift
*3000		Coyote Spring	*3066		Corral Spring Pond Fence
*3001		Buffalo Spring	*3102		Snake John Pasture Fence
*3002		Mountain Lion Spring	*434420		Wild Horse Bench Spring
	Association	*All ponds	*434421		Good News Spring

*Newly added 2020

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 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.

Kristy Groves
Forest Supervisor

Actual Use Record

Allotment Farm Creek **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
Bull Pasture			
Snake John			
Hominy Creek			
Buck Ridge			
Pole Creek-Bennion Park			
Boundary-Cart Hollow			
Upper Buck 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

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions):

Signature: _____ Date: _____