

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

Permittee**Number****Non-Use****Season**

150

July 1 to September 30

Grazing Schedule

| Pasture/Unit | Sequence | Dates of Use | Allowable Use |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Fossil Ridge | 1 st | 7/1 – 7/31 | 50% |
| Horse Ridge | 2 nd | 8/1 – 8/31 | 50% |
| Flat Ridge | 3 rd | 9/1 – 9/30 | 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. 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 and stalks have been removed from the plants), 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 through Lockbox collection procedures before livestock are turned on the allotment.* Payment can be mailed into Duchesne District Office or online at www.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY . It can take two to three weeks for payment to go through Lockbox so please pay your bill well in advance of your on date.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual meeting was held in April 8, 2025, at the Heber District Office. In attendance were [REDACTED]. The following items were discussed:

1. A new trough was installed at Weasel Spring in 2022, the permittee plans to rehab and seed the site this fall.
2. Permittee requested hog panels and t-post to install around Ostler Corral Spring to protect the head box.
3. The permittee plans to work on Shark Spring this summer.
4. Pool Spring will be looked at this summer to determine spring flow and need for maintenance work.
5. Permittee plans to find Spilt Spring on Fossil and replace the trough this summer if there is adequate water.

6. Drought conditions were discussed. Snowpack has been 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 improvements must be maintained before cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. **Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements and range readiness.** A range technician may randomly inspect improvements on the allotment. The following improvements are associated with the Horse Ridge Allotment:

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

| Improvement Number | Improvement Name | Improvement Number | Improvement Name |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 436611 | Weasel Spring | 436614 | Ostler Corral Spring |
| 432036 | Fossil Spring | 436617 | Seep Spring |
| 436618 | Horse Ridge Spring | 436619 | Flat Ridge Spring |
| 436622 | Olsen Spring | 436626 | Nettle Spring |
| 436637 | Steer Spring | 436638 | Split Spring |
| 4208 | Horse Ridge Boundary Fence | 4428B | Reservation Boundary Fence |
| 4794 | Tub & Horse Ridge Fence | 4804 | Fossil Ridge Fence |
| 4805 | Horse Ridge Fence | | |

Multiple Use Considerations

Coordination with permittees on adjacent allotments along with wildlife, recreation, watershed and other National Forest uses is 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 Horse 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 31st.

| Pasture/Unit | Number Grazed | Date On | Date Off |
|--------------|---------------|---------|----------|
| Fossil Ridge | | | |
| Horse Ridge | | | |
| Flat 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 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Fossil Ridge | | | | | | | |
| Horse Ridge | | | | | | | |
| Flat Ridge | | | | | | | |

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____