

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District  
Lake Canyon Cattle Allotment  
2025 Annual Operating Plan**

<b>Permittee</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Number of Cattle</b> 64	<b>Season of Use</b> June 20 to Oct 15
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**Grazing Schedule**

<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Dates of Use</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Left Fork Lake Canyon	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/20 – 7/20	50%
Bear Gulch - Bills Draw	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/21 – 8/30	50%
Right Fork Lake Canyon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9/1 – 10/15	50%

The dates above are to be used only as guidelines. Bear Gulch may be grazed 1<sup>st</sup> with 25 pair if the springs have water. 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 key areas 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 technician 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 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 Plan Meeting**

A meeting was held on April 17, 2025 with [REDACTED] present. The following items were discussed:

1. The Right Fork of Lake Canyon pipeline extension completed last summer.
2. Plan to look at water developments in Bear Gulch this summer.
3. The permittee plans to replace a section of the Bear Gulch water system pipeline.
4. The Bear Gulch cattleguard is full and needs to be cleaned and the boundary fence fixed following a flood last summer. Plan to put a gate on the cattleguard if the cattleguard isn't cleaned by the graze date.

- 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 further or livestock may need to come off the allotment early. Utilization levels will need to be monitored closely.

**Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities**

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. When developments are reworked, when possible, remove materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) from the National Forest.

**Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities**

<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>	<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
436566	Bear Gulch Spring	436553	Chokecherry Spring
436568	Highline Spring	436552	Puncher Spring
436571	Sleepy Spring	436559	Wildhorse Spring
436561	Wilbur Spring	436557	Cabin Spring
436567	Raspberry Spring	436551	Lost Spring
436555	Lower Bills Spring	436563	Big Spring
436565	Upper Bills Spring	436549	Pinto Spring
436569	Lake Spring	436569A	Lake Canyon Water Line
4191	Bear Gulch Bdry. Fence	436570	Meadow Spring-headbox
4204	L. F. Lake Cny. Bdry. Fence	4227	R.F. Lake Cny. Bdry. Fence
4109	Chokecherry Bdry. Fence		

**Weed Control**

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, whitetop, giant whitetop, Russian knapweed, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts, along with Duchesne County. 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**. 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**     Lake Canyon     **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
Left Fork Lake Canyon			
Bear Gulch - Bills Draw			
Right Fork Lake Canyon			

### 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
Left Fork Lake Canyon							
Bear Gulch - Bills Draw							
Right Fork Lake Canyon							

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions):

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