

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District  
Lake Fork Cattle Allotment  
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non Use</u>	<u>Season</u>
[REDACTED]	36		June 21 to September 21
	62		June 21 to September 21
	30		June 21 to September 21
	<u>0*</u>		June 21 to September 21
Total Herd Size	183		June 21 to September 21

\*The Tribe will also run an additional 50 head in the Bear Wallow unit from Petty Mountain Allotment.

**Lake Fork**

<u>Unit Name</u>	<u>Sequence</u>	<u>Dates of Use</u>	<u>Allowable Use</u>
Frog Ponds	1st	6/21-7/07	50%
Reseeded	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/08-8/12	50%
Willow Bottoms	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/13 – 9/21	50%
Raspberry Draw	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/13 – 9/21	50%
Brown Duck		Graze if accessible	40%*

\*40% use for High Uintas Wilderness.

**Bear Wallow – Ute Tribe**

Bear Wallow*	Rest		Rest
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\*Bear Wallow will serve as an on-off unit.

The dates above are to be used as guidelines. It is the permittees responsibility to gauge utilization on each unit. Cattle will leave the allotment when utilization standards are met or on September 21<sup>st</sup>. If livestock begin grazing aspen sprouts within the burned areas, they will need to be moved to the next pasture or removed from the allotment.

Allowable use will be 50% for all pastures except Brown Duck which is 40%. A 6” stubble height in riparian areas will be left in the Brown Duck and Willow Bottoms units key riparian areas. Key riparian areas on the two pastures include the Willow Bottoms and wilderness stringer meadows. When allowable use is met in the key areas of each unit, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit.

A range employee will regularly visit the allotment to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements. Exceeding allowable use standards is not permitted. 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.

**Allotment Meeting Notes**

A meeting was held on April 1, 2025 with [REDACTED] present. The following items were discussed:

1. Permittees need to ensure fences are maintained and capable of holding livestock prior to cattle entering each pasture.
2. Mick plans to rebuild the herders camp pasture fence due to fire damage now that the timber sale is complete.
3. The outfitter fence along the reservoir needs to be fixed in order to keep cows out. The posts have sunk to where the fence is too low and is down in places. This is planned for this summer.
4. The water system that feeds the Aspen pipeline and trough system was heavily impacted by floods in 2023. The permittees are working on the pipeline in order to provide water to the troughs.
5. Drought conditions were discussed. Snowpack has been below normal 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.

**Allotment Improvements**

Improvement responsibilities will be as follows. Developments must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements prior to and during the grazing season to determine permit compliance. If compliance is not met, permittees will be sent notices of non-compliance and associated requirements to address the violation(s).

**Range Improvement Checklist**

Responsible Permittee	Improvement #	Improvement Name
[REDACTED]	3506	Raspberry Draw Spring
[REDACTED]	3535	Raspberry Drift Fence
[REDACTED]	3173	Frog Ponds Fence
[REDACTED]	3126	Lake Fork Reseeded Pasture South Fence
[REDACTED]	3533	Bench Spring Complex-Aspen Waterline
[REDACTED]	3116	Brown Duck Drift Fence
[REDACTED]	435240	Bear Wallow #1
[REDACTED]	3503	Bear Wallow #2
[REDACTED]	3183	Lake Fork Boundary (canal to Bear Wallow)
[REDACTED]	3115	Moon Lake Drift Fence-pasture to C.G.
[REDACTED]	3115	Moon Lake Drift Fence-dam to pasture
[REDACTED]	3149	Lake Fork Boundary (canal to tie in on the hill)
[REDACTED]	3159	Herders Camp Pasture-Lake Fork Canyon
[REDACTED]	3203	Lake Fork Cattle Corral
[REDACTED]		Frog Ponds/Willow Bottom fence
[REDACTED]		Reseed Upper Drift Fence
[REDACTED]		Raspberry waterline and troughs
[REDACTED]		Raspberry Pass drift fence

### **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**. 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

