

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number Permitted</u>	<u>Season</u>
[REDACTED]	59	June 16 to September 30
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Total Herd Size	177	

Grazing Schedule

Pasture/Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Lower North Fork	1 st	6/16 – 7/10	50%
Middle Unit-Trail Hollow	2 nd	7/11 – 8/03	50%
Upper North Fork	3 rd	8/04 – 8/25	50% (Wildness 40%)
West Slope	4 th	8/26 – 9/30	50%

Dates of use are to be used as guidelines. The Yellow Lake fire burned onto the West Slope of North Fork Canyon in isolated areas. To allow for rehabilitation do not salt in burned areas or grazing livestock in these areas. Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species is 50% and a 4” to 6” stubble height for riparian forage species in The Lower, Middle, and West Slope units. In the Upper unit, a 40% allowable use and a 6” stubble height for riparian species are standard guidelines because of the High Uinta Wilderness Area. Permittees should closely monitor key areas. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the key areas have a “mowed” look to it (i.e. all grass seed heads have been removed from the stalks). A range technician will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements.

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 Plan Meeting

The annual meeting was held on April 9, 2025 at [REDACTED]. In attendance were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The following was discussed:

1. The proposed corral and fence were approved in the Forest Wide NEPA project. The corral needs gravel “driveway” coming off the main road. Permittees will look for a source and get a cost estimate.
2. The West Slope old fence has been added to list for dedicated hunters to remove.
3. West Slope trough needs to be worked on and the West Slope Pond needs to be cleaned. Permittees would like permission to take a small piece of equipment in to do this work.

4. The permittees plan to maintain the Swift Creek drift fence.
5. Permittees plan to construct a hanging pipe fence across the river on the Lower and Middle pasture boundary.
6. [REDACTED] mentioned the fence around Iron Mine Campground could be moved to let cows go by and not turn them into the willows and they requested a 12 ft swing gate for on the north side of fence by cattleguard.
7. Permittees mentioned that they plan to work on the pipeline on the West Slope that is on the face of the slope. Contact Sandy for the poly welder and materials. Requested use of a mini x to work on project contact Sandy for an equipment use permit.
8. Permittees mentioned campground fences need lots of repair to hold cattle out. Sandy will mention this to the Recreation program manager.
9. Plan to look at improvements in areas that the Yellow Lake fire burned through to determine condition and reconstruction needs.
10. Drought conditions were discussed. The western portion of the district has received near normal snowfall this winter but the long range forecast is warmer and dryer than normal. If the weather turns off dry again livestock numbers may need to be reduces or livestock may need to come off the allotment early. Utilization levels will need to be monitored closely.

Below is the riding and maintenance schedule for the allotment. Responsible permittee will inspect and maintain water improvements, monitor vegetation and utilization, herd cattle to improve distribution, and insure that allotment operating instructions are followed and compliance is met.

<u>Allotment Units</u>	<u>Responsible Permittee</u>
Upper North Fork & Lower North Fork	[REDACTED]
Middle Unit -Trail Hollow & Upper North Fork	[REDACTED]
West Slope	[REDACTED]

Maintenance of Improvements

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 so that we will have time to inspect these improvements and range readiness.** A range technician may randomly inspect improvements on the allotment. Also, when reworking developments, all discarded material (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) must be removed from forest property.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #
Right of Way Fence	4354	North Fork Bndry. Fence	4220
Mill Flat Drift Fence	4218	West Slope Drift Fence	4219

Lower Swift Creek Drift Fence	4222	North Fork Drift Fence	4223
Swift Creek Manage. Fence	4241	West Slope Spring	435671
Siphon Spring	435670	West Slope Reservoir	435676
NW Blind Stream Fence	4442A	North Fork Bndry. Fence	4233
Thomas Spring	4310815	North Fork Private Fence	4494
Wilcken Boundary Fence			

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 take 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, please contact Sandy Kaminski at (435) 790-7011.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
Forest Supervisor

Actual Use Record

Allotment North Fork Duchesne **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
Lower North Fork			
Middle Unit-Trail Hollow			
Upper North Fork			
West Slope			

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
Lower North Fork							
Middle Unit-Trail Hollow							
Upper North Fork							
West Slope							

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____