

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Petty Mountain Cattle Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

| <u>Permittee</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Non-Use</u> | <u>Season</u> |
|---|---------------|----------------|------------------------|
|  | 265 | | June 21 to September 8 |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>50</u> | June 21 to September 8 |
| Total Herd Size | 265 | 50 | |

Grazing Schedule

| Unit Name | Number of Cattle | Sequence | Dates of Use | Allowable Use |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| West Petty Mountain | | 1 st | 6/21 – 7/21 | 50% |
| Mackentire | | 1 st | 6/21 – 7/21 | 50% |
| Parks | | 2 nd | 7/22 – 8/29 | 50% |
| Long Park* | 70 | 2 nd | 7/22 – 8/29 | 50% |
| Toquer-Fish Creek* | 40 | 2 nd | 7/22 – 8/29 | 50% |
| Little Meadow* | 15 | 2 nd | 7/22 – 8/29 | 50% |
| Wild Horse* | 30 | 2 nd | 7/22 – 8/29 | 50% |
| Wilderness | | 2 nd | 7/22 – 8/29 | 40% |
| West Park | 0 | rest | rested | 40% |
| Swasey Hole | 60 | 2 nd | 7/25 – 8/29 | 0% |
| East Petty Mountain | | 3 rd | 8/30 – 9/08 | 50% Avoid burned areas |

*At least the number of cattle indicated will be put into these units first with the residue in the Parks. By August 29th cattle will move out of the Parks to the Mackentire unit.

The dates above are to be used as guidelines. The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is allowable use. As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all areas except wilderness. In the wilderness pastures, allowable use is 40%. A 4” 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. Prior to July 20th, residual stubble height following grazing may exceed 4” (regrowth will occur prior to first hard freeze). After July 20th, grazing cannot exceed the 4” stubble height. 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 them (i.e. all grass seed heads have been removed from the stalks), which indicates about 60% use or greater. Notable key riparian areas on the allotment include Cow Park, Little Meadow, Hells Canyon Creek to Mill Park, Fish Creek-Toquer Lake, and wilderness wet meadows. When allowable use is met in the key areas of each unit, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit.

All cattle will enter and graze the West Petty Mountain and Mackentire units first. Cattle will not be moved into the Mackentire unit until the drift fence between the Mackentire unit and Parks unit is up and maintained. **Around July 21st or when utilization has been met, cattle will then enter the Parks unit and be distributed in Long Park, Toquer-Fish Creek and Wild Horse areas. Mill Park, Center Park, and Cow Park will not have cattle placed within them initially.**

For the Parks unit: at least the number of cattle indicated above will be put into Long Park, Swasey Hole, and Wild Horse. On July 28th, approximately 60 head of cattle will be gathered and placed in Swasey Hole. Cattle will leave the allotment if utilization is met on all units or on September 8th. Livestock grazing is not allowed within the Mill Park, Cow Park and Fish Creek study exlosures. Any cattle found within an enclosure needs to be removed immediately and the fence repaired, or the Forest Service notified if major fence repairs are needed.

No salting is allowed in Cow, Mill, lower Long, and Center Parks. Salting will occur towards the outer pastures (i.e. Wild Horse, Upper Long Park, and Fish Creek) and salting areas will occur in timbered areas and not within the meadows or openings. Permittee horses are not authorized to graze in the Mill Park Enclosure, only in the administrative horse pasture. Permittee horses are only allowed in the administrative pasture when they are needed in that area to manage livestock.

It is the permittees responsibility to gauge utilization on each unit. Range personnel 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). Continued violations following non-compliance may lead to permit action.

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 before 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. All [REDACTED] Yellowstone cattle will be tagged with purple ear tags in 2025. No purple-tagged cattle are authorized to graze on the Petty Mountain allotment. If cattle with purple ear tags are found on the Petty Mountain allotment the permittee needs to remove them from the allotment.
2. Permittee will work on replacing the trough in Salt Creek if there is water there and replacing the Little Meadow trough. They also plan to work on the Flea Flat and Clear Cut springs.
3. Timber harvest is planned to continue in the Mill Park/Long Park area and in Hells Canyon this summer.
4. Cattle must be kept in the West Petty Mountain and Mackentire pastures until 7/21 or until utilization standards are met. Any cattle going into the Parks pastures before the planned date need to be moved back into the West Petty and Mackentire pastures.
5. Prior to going onto the Forest, the Parks/ Mackentire/ West Petty pasture division fence needs to be maintained and capable of holding cattle from drifting into the Parks pasture.
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

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. A Forest technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. All water developments will be maintained jointly by all the permittees.

Range Improvement Checklist

| Improvement # | Improvement Name | Improvement # | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 435259 | McKune Spring | 3517 | West Park Spring |
| 3510 | Mackentire Spring | 3097 | Wild Horse Spring |
| 3123 | Hells Canyon Drift Fence | 3014 | Transfer Spring |
| 3148 | Lake Fork-Yellow Ledges Boundary | 3184 | Long Park Drift Fence |
| 3013 | Flea Flat Trough | 3193 | Mill Park Ranger Pasture Fence |
| 3078 | Long Park Spring #2 | 435234 | Upper Mackentire Spring |
| 3080 | Topping Out Spring | 3507 | Upper Hells Canyon Spring |
| 3127 | Mackentire Drift Fence | 3099 | Center Park Spring |
| 3512 | Lower & Main Mackentire Troughs | 3136 | Lower Fish Creek Drift Fence |
| 3518 | Little Meadow Spring | 3013? | Flea Flat Trough |
| 3119 | Petty Creek Drift Fence | | Swasey Hole Drift Fence |
| | Yellow Ledges 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, 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 Petty Mountain **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 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------|----------|
| West Petty Mountain | | | |
| Mackentire | | | |
| Parks Long Park* | | | |
| Parks Toquer-Fish Creek* | | | |
| Parks Little Meadow* | | | |
| Parks Wild Horse* | | | |
| Wilderness – Swasey Hole | | | |
| East Petty Mountain | | | |

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 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| West Petty Mountain | | | | | | | |
| Mackentire | | | | | | | |
| Parks | | | | | | | |
| Wilderness – Swasey Hole | | | | | | | |
| East Petty Mountain | | | | | | | |

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions):

Signature: _____ Date: _____