

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District
Pigeon Water Cattle Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
[REDACTED]	25	0	June 16 to September 26
[REDACTED]	<u>117</u>	0	June 16 to September 26
Total Herd Size	142	0	

Grazing Schedule

Pasture/Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Gooseberry	1 st	6/16 – 7/11	50%
Salt Barrel	2 nd	7/12 – 8/6	50%
Upper	3 rd	8/7 – 9/1	50%
Pigeon Water	4 th	9/2 – 9/26	50%

The dates above are to be used as 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 key areas have a “mowed” look to them (i.e. all grass seed heads and stalks have been removed 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. If allowable use is achieved on each unit before September 26th, cattle will leave the allotment.

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 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.**

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held on April 4, 2025, in Duchesne, Utah. Those present included [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. The following items were discussed.

1. The new fence in Bear Wallow Fence didn't go all the way to the end of the existing fence so remainder needs to be rebuilt. Plan to look at the fence this summer.
2. Gooseberry trough needs to be replaced, plan for this in 2025.
3. Drought conditions were discussed. Snowpack has been well below average for the lower elevations of 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.

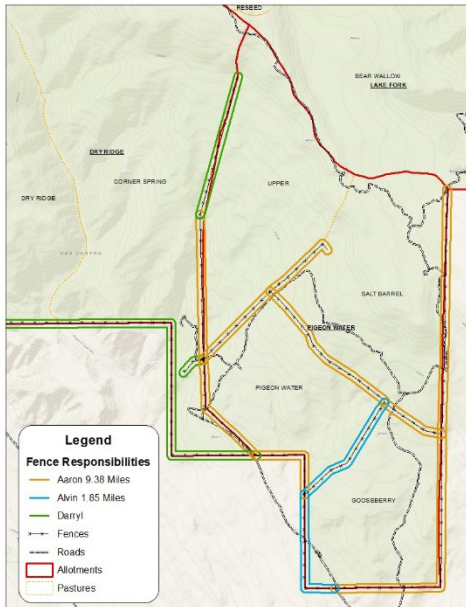
Maintenance of Improvements

All fences and water developments will 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 and range readiness.** A Range Technician may randomly inspect improvements prior to and during the grazing season. All water developments will be maintained jointly by all the permittees, but the fence maintenance is assigned in the second table below.

Range Improvement Checklist

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
4341A	Pigeon Water-Dry Ridge F. (upper)	4337	Pigeon Water Boundary Fence.
4253	Pigeon Water-Dry Ridge F. (lower)	435278	Gooseberry Spring
4259	Pigeon Water Division Fence.	435277	Pigeon Water Spring & Pipeline
4260	Pigeon Water Division Fence.	435709	Tub Spring & Unit 2 Pipeline
4261	Pigeon Water Division Fence.	435270	Willow Spring Pipeline
4262	Pigeon Water Unit Fence		All ponds on allotment

Fence Maintenance Checklist



Permittee	Improvement Number	Assigned Fence Improvement
██████████	4337	Boundary fence from pigeon water cattleguard west and then north to top of ridge where it meets division fence between units #1 and #4
██████████	4260	Unit division fence between Pigeon water and Gooseberry unit. (#1 & #4)
██████████	4337	Boundary fence from pigeon water cattleguard east and then north to Bear Wallow
██████████	4337	Boundary fence beginning at top of ridge where division fence #4260 starts. North and then west to Dry Ridge allotment
██████████	4262	Unit division fence between Upper-Pigeon Water units & Salt Barrel-Pigeon Water Units
██████████	4253& 4341A	Net wire fence between Dry Ridge and Pigeon water allotments
██████████	4261& 4259	Unit division fence between salt barrel & Pigeon water Gooseberry units

Permittee	Number of Livestock	% of Total Livestock	Miles of Fence	% of Total Fence
██████████	117	82.3%	9.38	83.5%
██████████	25	17.6%	1.85	16.4%
Total	142	100%	11.23	100%

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.

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should not occur near key areas but in areas that generally receive light use normally. **Do not** salt in open parks and meadows, and adjacent to water. Remove salt from those areas that have reached proper utilization.

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 Pigeon Water **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
Gooseberry			
Salt Barrel			
Upper			
Pigeon Water			

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
Gooseberry							
Salt Barrel							
Upper							
Pigeon Water							

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____