

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District
Rhoades Canyon Cattle and Sheep Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee [REDACTED]	<u>Rhoades Canyon Sheep Allotment</u>	Season of Use
	Number of Livestock 300	June 16 to September 30th
Permittee [REDACTED]	<u>Rhoades Canyon Cattle Allotment</u>	Season of Use
	Number of Livestock 125	July 16 to September 15

Sheep Grazing Schedule

Pasture/Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Rhoades Canyon	1 st	6/16 – 7/05	50%
Iron Mine	2 nd	7/06 – 7/25	50%
Trail Hollow	3 rd	7/26 – 8/15	50%
Upper Rhoades Canyon	4 th	8/16 – 9/30	50%

Cattle Grazing Schedule

Pasture/Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Trail Hollow	1 st	7/16 – 8/15	50%
Upper Rhoades Canyon	2 nd	8/16 – 9/15	50%

The 2024 Yellow Lake fire burned through portions of the allotment. To allow for recovery do not salt in burned areas and avoid grazing livestock in the burned areas.

The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. Cattle will not be permitted below the rockslide in Rhoades Canyon, Left Fork Rhoades Canyon, and Iron Mine Creek. The permittee will haul water. Cattle will need to be kept off the Uinta National Forest. Salt and water and a herder will be used to control cattle movement. Grazing outside of the specifications will result in permittee non-compliance.

The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. As stated above, allowable use is 50% in all units. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the units 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 staff member will regularly visit the allotment throughout the grazing season 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.**

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual operating plan meeting was held March 26, 2025, in Duchesne, Utah. In attendance were [REDACTED]. The following items were discussed:

1. Rhoades Canyon pipeline got damaged by the road grader and needs replaced. [REDACTED] estimated that about 4,000 ft of pipe will be needed. Plan to look at applying for GIP assistance.
2. Plan to evaluate improvements that may have been damaged by the Yellow Lake Fire.
3. 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 reduced or livestock may need to come off the allotment early. Utilization levels will need to be monitored closely.

Maintenance of Improvements

All range improvements must be maintained before the livestock will be allowed to enter the allotment. **Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect these improvements and range readiness.** When reworking improvements, all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) must be removed from forest property. Forest Service personnel may randomly inspect range improvements on the allotment.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
004471	Rhoades Canyon Spring	435110	Moon Spring
004471C	Rhoades Canyon Waterline	004297	McDonald Spring
435634	Rhoades Canyon Reservoir 2	435636	Spruce Spring Reservoir
435641	Rhoades Canyon Reservoir 3	435637	Little Pond

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.

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 Sandra Kaminski at cell (435) 790-7011.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
Forest Supervisor

Actual Use Record

Allotment Rhoades 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 31st.

Pasture/Unit	Number Grazed	Date On	Date Off
Rhoades Canyon			
Iron Mine			
Trail Hollow			
Upper Rhoades Canyon			
Trail Hollow (cattle)			
Upper Rhoades Canyon (cattle)			

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, 3 ewes, 6 lambs, 2 rams)

Pasture/Unit	Poisonous Plant	Predation	Weather	Disease	Theft	Other (fire, vandalism, hit by a car)	Unknow
Rhoades Canyon							
Iron Mine							
Trail Hollow							
Upper Rhoades Canyon							

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____