

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne Ranger District
Right Fork Indian Canyon Cattle Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Plan**

Permittee [REDACTED]	<u>Number of Cattle</u> 150	<u>Season of Use</u> June 14 to September 23
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Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Twelve Mile	1 st	6/14 – 7/14	50%
Trail Hollow	1 st	6/14 – 7/14	50%
Six Mile -Sterling Hollow	2 nd	7/15 – 8/18	50%
Right Fork- Half Moon	3 rd	8/19 – 9/23	50%

The dates of use 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. A 4” to 6” stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. wiregrass) shall be left in the stream corridor. Permittees should closely monitor key areas (stream corridor). 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 from the plants), which indicates about 60% use or greater. **When allowable use in the key areas is met in each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit. Once allowable use has been met in all units cattle need to be removed from 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.**

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.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

A meeting was held on March 20, 2025 with [REDACTED] present. The following items were discussed:

1. [REDACTED] plans to work on the Sterling Hollow water system and drift fence and the six mile water system this summer.
2. [REDACTED] plans to work on a spring exclosed in Trail Hollow this summer.
3. 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 improvements must be maintained before cattle will be allowed to enter the first unit to be grazed. Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements. The following improvements are on the Right Fork Indian Canyon Allotment:

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
4203	12 Mile Drift Fence	4225	Six Mile Drift Fence
4226	Right Fork Drift Fence	4364	Sterling Hollow Drift Fence
4267	R.F.I.C Boundary Fence	436578	Half Moon Spring
436583	Rock Bottom Spring	436592	Red Pine Spring
436597	Six Mile Spring	436651	Twelve Mile Spring
436657	Trail Hollow Spring	436662	Dog Spring
436912	Camp Spring	436581	Herford Spring
436572	Sterling Spring	436654	Mill Set Spring

Noxious Weed Control

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts and Duchesne County. Musk Thistle is present along the stream in the Right Fork of Indian Canyon, up Six mile and in other locations on the allotment. Whitetop has also been found on the allotment. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please contact 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.

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should occur as far from the stream as possible and placed on the alluvial fans vegetated with bullgrass. Again, **do not** salt in or near the stream corridor.

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 Right Fork Indian 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
Twelve Mile			
Trail Hollow			
Six Mile -Sterling Hollow			
Right Fork- Half Moon			

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
Twelve Mile							
Trail Hollow							
Six Mile							
Sterling Hollow							
Right Fork							
Half Moon							

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions):

Signature: _____ Date: _____