

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District
Rock Creek Cattle Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non-use</u>	<u>Season</u>
[REDACTED]	90	0	June 12 to October 15
[REDACTED]	80	0	June 12 to October 15
Total Herd Size	170	0	

Grazing Schedule:

Pasture/Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Lower Canyon	1 st	6/12 – 7/21	50%
South Fork	2 nd	7/22 – 8/30	50%
Wilderness	2 nd	7/22 – 8/30	50%
Yellow Pine	3 rd	9/01 – 10/15	40%
Miners Gulch	3 rd	9/01 – 10/15	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. sedges) shall be left in all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows). A 40% allowable use and a 6” stubble height for riparian species are standard guidelines for grazing units inside the High Uintas 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 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.

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.**

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual operating meeting was held on April 8, 2025 at Duchesne, UT. In attendance were [REDACTED]. The following items were discussed:

1. Permittees would like to reconstruct Miners Gulch Spring development this summer with a new headbox and pipe. Also look a proposed project to extend the pipeline to a second trough for better livestock distribution.
2. Lowers Stillwater Ponds Fence NEPA is still on going. The FS will continue working with the Bureau of Reclamation and Center Utah Water.
3. Permittee asked for Brush Treatment by Yellow Pine campground.
4. East Fork Fire and flooding was discussed in length. Plan to look at condition and flood impact on exiting fences and develop a plan to rebuild.
5. 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 to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements and range readiness.** A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Permittee Responsible	Improvement #	Improvement Name	Permittee Responsible	Improvement #	Improvement Name
[REDACTED]	004250	Rock Creek Boundary Fence	[REDACTED]	004264	Rock Creek Corral
[REDACTED]	004254	Rock Creek Drift Fence	[REDACTED]	004249	Moon Boundary Fence
[REDACTED]	004507	Rock Creek Interior Fences	[REDACTED]s	004508	South Fork Unit Fence
[REDACTED]	?	Net Wire Division Fence	[REDACTED]	435572	Miners Gulch Spring
[REDACTED]	4839	Miners Gulch Drift 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 Districts and Duchesne County. Musk Thistle has been in the Miners Gulch area; along the main road through the canyon; throughout the Lower Stillwater Ponds area; along Yellowpine trail; and near Miners Gulch, Yellowpine, and Fishermans Parking campgrounds. 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 Rock Creek **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 Canyon			
South Fork/Wilderness			
Yellow Pine/ Miners Gulch			

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 Canyon							
South Fork/Wilderness							
Yellow Pine/ Miners Gulch							

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____