

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District
Sowers Canyon Cattle Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Instruction**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Non-use</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
██████████	98	0	June 1 to October 15
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Total	293	0	

Grazing Schedule

Pasture/Unit	Sub-Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Deathtrap	Main Canyon	2 nd	07/16 – 08/31	50%
	Corral Hollow	2 nd	07/16 – 08/31	50%
	Spring Hollow	2 nd	07/16 – 08/31	50%
	Y-Canyon	2 nd	07/16 – 08/31	50%
	Lower Bottom	2 nd	07/16 – 08/31	50%
	Head Canyon	2 nd	07/16 – 08/31	50%
Road Hollow	Main Canyon	1 st	06/01 – 07/15	50%
	Trapper Canyon	1 st	06/01 – 07/15	50%
	Broad Hollow	3 rd	09/01 – 10/15	50%
	Lance Canyon	1 st	06/01 – 07/15	50%
	Road Hollow	1 st	06/01 – 07/15	50%
Twin Hollow	Main Canyon	3 rd	09/01 – 10/15	50%
	Jolie Hollow	1 st	06/01 – 07/15	50%
	Clayburn Canyon	3 rd	09/01 – 10/15	50%
	North Twin Hollow	3 rd	09/01 – 10/15	50%
	South Twin Hollow	3 rd	09/01 – 10/15	50%
Bull Pasture		1st	06/01 – 07/15	50%

The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. Sub-units should be stocked first with the residue of livestock placed into the Main Canyons during their respected grazing periods. Cattle will not be allowed to graze two or more main canyon units simultaneously. Deviations from the grazing schedule need to have Forest approval before the change is made. Contact Sandy if a change is needed.

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 all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows). Permittees should closely monitor key areas – seeded areas containing smooth brome, crested wheatgrass, and Russian wildrye. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the seeded species (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 May 1, 2025, in Duchesne, Utah. In attendance were [REDACTED]. The following items were discussed:

1. Permittees mentioned they need a total of 2,000ft of 1 ½ poly pipe to replace old pipe at the heads of Corral and Spring Hollows. Also asked if the materials could be flown in by helicopter or packed in. Sandy will check on options for getting the pipe to the project location.
2. The Badlands ATV Trail constructions is still on going. Recreation crew will hopefully install ATV cattleguards. Road crew plans to install vehicle cattleguards. Permittees are having problems with the gates being left open. Plan to get with Sandy this summer to look at the trail and cattleguard locations.
3. Permittees asked if the power line road channel crossing and the road and channel into Y canyon could be fixed when road crew installs cattleguard on Badlands ATV Trail.
4. Permittees asked for 20-25 wire panels and 25 t-post for Air vents on new pipeline.
5. Plan to work construct the Broad Hollow drift fence this summer.
6. Permittees mentioned that there is an old fence behind the enclosure that needs to be removed, and old electrical fence wire be rolled up.
7. Permittees asked if the Sowers Canyon Road could be graded, this hasn't been done in a few years, and it is getting rough due to flooding. They also mentioned that the O&G black pipe running along the road in the Bull Pasture blocks waterflow during storms resulting in washouts where it can flow over.
8. The permittees reported that the O&G trucks and trailers are parking in their corral pull off and turnaround area blocking access for corralling, loading and hauling cattle.
9. 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

Permittees are responsible for the maintenance of range improvements assigned below. Time spent and any material purchased and used in completing maintenance should be recorded and the information turned in at the close of the grazing season. Fences and water developments must be maintained prior to cattle entering each unit or sub-unit. **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. **All discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire etc.) need to be removed from the National Forest.**

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
4102	Corral Ridge Fence	4190	S. Twin Hollow Drift Fence
4205	Lance Canyon Drift Fence	4224	Sowers Canyon Drift Fence
4236	Corral Hollow Prot. Fence	4238	Sowers Upper Boundary. Fence
4243	Lance Hollow Unit Fence	4273	Bull Pasture Fence
4276	Twin Hollow Fence	4277	No. Twin Hollow Fence
4279	Broad Hollow Drift Fence	4286	Sowers Canyon Boundary Fence
4498	Clayburn Hollow Drift Fence	4500	Jolie Hollow Fence
4504	Trapper Canyon Drift	4505	Deathtrap Drift Fence
4515	Y Canyon Drift Fence	435998	Burnt Spring
4057	Ponderosa Spring	4058	Road Ridge Seep Spring
4126	Road Ridge Spring	4147	Upper Lance Spring
4126A	Lower Road Ridge Spring	435924	Broad Hollow Spring
435926	Jolie Spring	435957	Death Trap Spring
435958	North Y Canyon Spring	435959	South Y Canyon Spring
435961	Sowers Spring	4312039	Upper Sowers Spring & Pipeline
435966	Trail Hollow Spring	435967	Tin Can Spring
435968	Late Spring	435972	Lance Point Spring
435967	North Twin Hollow Spring	435978	Birch point Spring
435980	Cave Spring	435982	Deep Wash Spring #1
435984	Corral Spring 1	435985	Corral Spring 2 & Reservoir
435987	Corral Ridge Spring	435988	Upper Corral Spring
435991	Steep Spring	435992	South Twin Hollow Spring
435994	Rock Spring	435996	Lance Hollow Spring
435997	Lance Crib Spring	435999	Maple Spring
436000	Road Hollow Spring	436001	Upper Road Hollow Spring
43-10607	Sowers Canyon Spring	435922	Broad Spring #2

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 District and Duchesne County. Musk Thistle, whitetop, and Russian Knapweed have been found on the allotment. 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 (seeded species and stream corridor) but on the alluvial fans that are vegetated with bullgrass. **Do not** salt in or near Sowers Creek and wet meadows.

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, contact Sandy Kaminski at (435) 790-7011.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
Forest Supervisor

Actual Use Record

Allotment Sowers 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
Road Hollow			
Deathtrap			
Bull Pasture			
Twin Hollow			

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
Road Hollow							
Deathtrap							
Bull Pasture							
Twin Hollow							

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____