

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District  
Wilbur Bench Cattle Allotment  
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

<b><u>Permittee</u></b> [REDACTED]	<b><u>Number</u></b> 135	<b><u>Non-Use</u></b> 0	<b><u>Season of Use</u></b> June 1 to October 1
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**Grazing Schedule**

Pasture/Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Little Mud Spring -Trail Ridge	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/01 – 7/05	50%
Tub Ridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/06 – 8/20	50%
Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/21 – 10/01	50%

The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. When allowable use for a key area is achieved (50% use of key upland forage species and 4” to 6” stubble height for riparian forage species), livestock need to be moved to the next scheduled unit. 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 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 Meeting**

The annual meeting was held on April 7, 2025 at the Duchesne office. In attendance were [REDACTED]. The following items were discussed:

1. Permittee plans to work on Aspen Spring this summer.
2. The new ATV trail cattleguard was installed last summer and the fence will be installed this summer. The cattleguard is needed to keep livestock off of Hyw 191.
3. The permittee requested that the fence around the campground be maintained.
4. The permittee plans to work on the spring in Big Draw Canyon this summer to replace the pipeline and trough.
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 prior to cattle entering the allotment so that we will have time to inspect these improvements. A Forest Service technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

### **Improvement Checklist**

<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>	<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
4207	Wilbur Bench Boundary Fence	4445	Tub-Wilbur Fence
4239	Wilbur Bench-Tub Ridge Fen.	4371	Big Draw Fence
4375	Wilbur Bench 2-3 Unit Fence	4382	Aspen Spring
4377	Wilbur Canyon Drift	4785	Tub Ridge Mill Hollow Fence
4786	Tub Ridge Fence	432146	Unit 1-2 Spring
436650	Little Mud Spring	432049	Peatross Spring
433260	Andrus-Mud Spring Pipeline	436645	Red Cedar Spring (undeveloped)
432215	Dish Pan Spring	432116	Fence Spring
4480	East Side Tub Ridge	4520	Stumbled On Spring (no folder)
432212	West Side Tub Ridge	436663	Trail Ridge Spring (undeveloped)
436547	Sick Cow Spring	436664	Aspen Reservoir
436660	Twin Ponds #1	436661	Twin Ponds #2
436669	Monks Hood Spring		

### **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 Sandy at (435) 790-7011.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Joseph David  
Acting District Ranger

## Actual Use Record

**Allotment**     Wilbur Bench     **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 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pasture/Unit	Number Grazed	Date On	Date Off
Little Mud Spring -Trail Ridge			
Tub Ridge			
Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon			

### 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
Little Mud Spring - Trail Ridge							
Tub Ridge							
Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon							

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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