

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Blind Stream Cattle Allotment
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
2007 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee Moon Ranch LLC	Number of Cattle 150	Season June 16 to October 15
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Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Larson Hollow	5 th	10/01 – 10/15	50%
Blind Stream East	4 th	9/02 – 9/30	50%
Swift Creek	2 nd	7/17 – 8/13	50%
Blind Stream West	1 st	6/16 – 7/16	50%
Lake Basin	3 rd	8/14 – 9/01	50%

The dates of use above are to be used 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) following the grazing season. Prior to July 20th, residual stubble height following grazing may exceed 4” (regrowth will occur prior to first hard freeze). After July 20th, grazing cannot exceed the 4” stubble height. 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 have been removed from the stalks), 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. Forest personnel 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. Please keep a record after moving cattle from each unit (including numbers of cattle and dates of use).

Salt should be placed away from water sources and riparian areas and placed on ridge slopes or areas away from water (at least 100 yards). The allotment gates that separates the West Slope unit of the North Fork Duchesne from the East Slope of Blind Stream needs to be closed before livestock enter the Blind Stream West unit and periodically monitored.

Grazing fees will be \$1.35 per head month this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

In compliance with NEPA, the Westside South Slope Decision Memo was signed in January 2006, which reauthorized livestock grazing on the Blind Stream Allotment. An Allotment Management Plan will be prepared this spring.

Annual Operating Planning Meeting

An annual operating meeting was held at the Duchesne District Office on March 20, 2007. Gordon Moon and Allen Huber were present. The following topics were discussed:

1. The fence on the East-West Slope Blind Stream boundary fence is in need of some reconstruction. The maintenance of the fence is the responsibility of both Blind Stream and North Fork Duchesne permittees. Permittees from the North Fork Allotment are desirous to work together with Gordon and LaMont to reconstruct the fence or at least segments of it. The permittees are responsible to contact one another and coordinate the work. The Forest Service will provide the necessary materials for reconstruction. Please call Amber at 781-5205 for materials.
2. The fence at Dry Lake was improved during summer 2007.

Maintenance of Improvements

All water developments and fences need to be maintained before the cattle are allowed to enter the allotment. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements. If improvements do not meet Forest specifications following an inspection, cattle will not be allowed to enter the allotment until the maintenance is complete. When reworking developments, all discarded material (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, etc.) must be removed from forest property.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #
Lake Basin Spring #2	435551	Lake Basin Spring	435554
Larsen Hollow Spring	435687	NE Blind Stream Fence	004441
NW Blind Stream Fence	004442	Blind Stream Drift Fence	004215
West Slope Letdown Fence	004339	Blind Stream Division Fence	004775
Slope Spring	435681		

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and maintenance report included with this folder need to be filled out and returned **immediately following the grazing season**. If there are concerns pertaining to the allotment or your permit contact Allen Huber at (435) 781-5226 or cell (435) 790-7003. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Allen Huber
Ecologist

2007 ACTUAL USE RECORD

ALLOTMENT NAME Blind Stream

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK GRAZED _____

DATE ENTERED NATIONAL FOREST _____

DATE LEFT NATIONAL FOREST _____

HOURS WORKED ON MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

HOURS WORKED ON CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

RECORD OF USE BY UNITS WITHIN ALLOTMENT (AS SHOWN ON MAP)

Unit Name	Sequence	Date Used	
		From	To
Larson Hollow	5 th		
Blind Stream East	1 st		
Blind Stream West	4 th		
Swift Creek	3 rd		
Lake Basin	2 nd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMMENTS: (Include needed range improvements and proposed changes in annual plan of use)
