

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number of Livestock</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Alarik Myrin (188)	326	0	June 16 to October 15
Ute Tribe Agricultural Products (138)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	June 16 to October 15
Total Herd Size	326	0	June 16 to October 15

**Grazing Schedule**

<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Dates of Use</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Cottonwood Ridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8/16 – 10/15	50%
Tabby	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/16 – 8/15	50%

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. Livestock will enter the Tabby unit first. Movement of livestock will depend upon available water and forage. Utilization should not exceed 50%.

The exchange use agreement with the Tribe will continue again this year. Alarik will graze the 138 head obligated to the Ute Tribe. Jay Abbot should be contacted if cattle are found in Sowers Canyon. Please notify us if problems occur.

Grazing fees are at \$1.35 this year. Payment must be made before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

**Annual Operating Plan Meeting**

An annual operating meeting was held March 20, 2007 in Duchesne with Alarik Myrin, Neils Myrin, Allen Huber, and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Water sources and improvements are a priority this summer. The first project will focus on the Tabby Unit near Wild Horse which includes the installation of a solar pump and a blatter. Permittees said they will need approxiamatly 2500' of pipe with connections for the water development. The second project will focus around Big Trough which would include pumping water down gradient to another trough. Permittees need to notify Amber on the exact materials needed for this project. Once Amber is notified of the exact materials needed, she will contact Nick Oprandy to order the blatter.
2. Once the water developments are installed, the permittees plan to install a fence in the Big trough area to increase utilization. The electric fence is on a trial basis and if it works, a permit fence will be planned for the future. Electric fence will also be installed in the Tabby unit if the water developments are successful.

3. Alarik mentioned that there is a State Program that helps ranchers will range improvements on private and federal land. Alarik will let Amber and Allen know if funding for the above projects is available from the State Program.
4. The Cottonwood guzzler continues to have problems. The apron needs to be repaired or replaced and the holding reservoir needs work. A liner may improve the holding pond. Also, the water line down the canyon needs to be replaced or new connectors installed. It was mentioned that a terrace around the guzzler may reduce damage to the guzzler.
5. Alarik indicated he wanted to add an south-southwest extension to boundary fence to make a corral area for the livestock. He will contact Amber for materials.
6. Alarik and the Tribe will continue the maintenance agreement for the Anthro Mountain and Cottonwood Allotments. Alarik will maintain all improvements on the Cottonwood allotment and the Tribe will maintain Alarik's improvement responsibilities on Anthro Mountain as noted in the annual operating instructions.
7. Sections of the Cottonwood-Wildhorse Ridge road were were not maintained by the Forest's Road Crew last year. Amber will coordinate with the Road Crew to schedule the work this grazing season.
8. Alarik has indicated a need for maintenance of some trails leading into Cottonwood and Tabby Canyons. He would like to fix the hazardous parts of the trails with machinery (i.e. back hoe, cat). Trails leading into Pot Spring, Wimmer Spring, Government Spring, and Walker Spring have been identified. Alarik needs to talk to JR Kirkaldie, District Ranger (781-5203), to get permission to do the work.
9. Alarik indicated that there is a law enforcement problem on the allotment. At the end of the 2006 grazing season, three pairs were missing and still are.
10. Alarik indicated he would like to pipe ¼ mile from Wildhorse Spring and put a trough in at the of the pipe. The Forest Service will provide supplies. Contact Amber for supplies.
11. Alarik Musk thistle is increasing and continues to be a problem in Cottonwood Canyon by Big Trough and below. Weeds crew came out in 2006 but they need to come back this summer to spray or place bugs in the allotment. Amber will notify the weeds crew.
12. A fuels reduction will be occurring in the next five years on Anthro and Cottonwood Allotments. Forest Service will be cutting down trees in the sagebrush and pinyon juniper areas.

### **Range Improvements**

Below is a list of rangeimprovements. The improvements need to meet Forest Service standards. Discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) need to be removed from forest property. Alarik Myrin will be responsible for the maintenance of all improvements on the allotment.

### Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Responsible	Improvement Name	Improvement #
Alarik Myrin	Cripple Creek Boundary Fence (3.8 miles)	4206
Alarik Myrin	Big Trough Spring	435911
Alarik Myrin	Government Spring	435914
Alarik Myrin	Marshall Spring	435921
Alarik Myrin	Potts Spring	435906
Alarik Myrin	Walker Spring	435909
Alarik Myrin	Wimmer Spring	435907
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Cottonwood-Tabby Drift Fence (3.5 miles)	4299
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Abbott Spring	4289
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Wildhorse Spring	4290
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Trapper Spring	435924
Ute Tribal Enterprises	East Tabby (Cactus)	435913
Ute Tribal Enterprises	Cripple Creek Spring	437058
Myrin-Ute Tribal Enterprises	Cottonwood Guzzler	4510

A concentrated effort is being made to control Musk Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts and Duchesne County. Please report new weed sites to Amber Helmus.

#### **Actual Use Record**

The actual use record and maintenance report needs to be **filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season**. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, please contact Amber Helmus (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Have a good summer.

Amber Helmus  
Rangeland Management Specialist

**2007 Actual Use Record**

ALLOTMENT NAME Cottonwood

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	Dates Used	
		From	To
Tabby	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Cottonwood Ridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>		

LOSSES: NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSES \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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