

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number of livestock</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>
Brent Miles	50	June 16 to September 20*
Roy Sorensen	25	June 16 to September 20*
Darryl Sorensen	<u>75</u>	June 16 to September 20*
Total Herd Size	150	June 16 to September 20*

\*Amber will go out and check the allotment to see if the range is ready to graze by June 16 and then notify the permittees of the outcome. If it is not ready, cattle will go on the allotment on June 21 and it is understood that it depends on the year as to if grazing can begin at an earlier date. Amber will work on the permit modification in the winter months of this year.

**Grazing Schedule**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Dates of Use</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Dry Ridge	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/16 – 7/31	50%
Homestead-Baum Lake	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8/1 – 8/21	50%
Corner Spring	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/22 – 9/20	50%

The dates of use are to be used as guidelines. Cattle will enter the Dry Ridge unit first. Cattle will be moved to the Homestead-Baum Lake unit when allowable use has been achieved or at the movement date above. The Corner Spring unit will be grazed last.

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. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. 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 have been removed from the stalks), 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 through Lockbox collection procedures before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

**Maintenance of Improvements**

All fences and water developments must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact the office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **FIVE** days before the cattle go on to allow a forest officer time to inspect the improvements. A range technician will randomly inspect improvements on the allotment.

### **Improvement Checklist**

<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>	<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
004253	Pigeon Water-Dry Ridge F.	435708	Corner Spring
004486	Baum Lake Fence	435577	Red Bedground Spring
004502	Homestead Spring	435578	Cold Spring
004779	Cabin Spring	435998	Burnt Spring
004780	Monument Spring	004292	Dry Ridge Waterline
432116	Fence Spring		Bull Moose Waterline

### **Annual Operating Meeting**

The meeting was held on March 21, 2007 in Duchesne with Darryl Sorensen, Brent Miles, Roy Sorensen, and Amber Helmus present. Items discussed were:

1. The Dry Ridge road may have travel restrictions placed upon it in the future following environmental analysis.
2. Permittees have a tire for Corner Spring. It needs to be put in this year. It will be checked for compliance. Permittees need to let Amber know when it is installed.
3. Forest road #133 into Pigeon Water needs annual maintenance. Amber will contact the Forest's road crew to place the road on their list.
4. Darryl requested to be able to use part of the Corner Spring unit by the Forest Boundary and by the Pigeon Water Allotment as an on and off gathering area. Amber said permittees will be allowed to use it at the beginning of the grazing season as a resting area and at the end of the grazing season as a gathering area. Cattle will not be allowed to stay more than 2-3 days at both time periods.
5. Permittees mentioned that they needed a couple liners for the troughs. Amber will check to see if the Forest Service has liners in stock and let the permittees know when the liners are available.
6. Roy mentioned that they would like fencing supplies to reconstruct the fences in Dry Ridge because many are old. They plan to start working on a section of fence every year until the entire fence in the allotment is replaced.

### **Multiple Use Considerations**

Coordination with permittees on adjacent allotment as well as with wildlife, recreation, watershed, and other National Forest uses is needed. Please continue to 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, white top, and other noxious weeds throughout the Duchesne District and Duchesne County. If you find any weeds please make an effort to dig them up and destroy the plant and report the location to Amber Helmus.

### **Actual Use Record**

The actual use record maintenance report **needs to be filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season**. Actual use records need to be filled out completely, including dates on and off each unit. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

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