

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
Bastian Livestock LLC	276	June 9 to September 8
Gordon Bastian	18	June 9 to September 8
Kent Bastian	18	June 9 to September 8
Ken Huber	42	June 9 to September 8
Jon Miles	92	June 9 to September 8
Steve Richens	<u>130</u>	June 9 to September 8
Total Herd Size	576	

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Number	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Boundary Spring-Cart Hollow	4 th	401	8/19 – 9/8	50%
Bull Pasture	1 st	175	6/9 – 6/29	50%
Snake John	1 st	401	6/9 – 6/29	50%
Snake John	4 th	576	9/4 – 9/8	50%
South Buck Ridge	2 nd	175	6/30 – 9/8	50%
Hominy Creek	2 nd	401	6/30 – 7/19	50%
Pole Creek-Bennion Park	3 rd	401	7/20 – 8/18	50%
Upper Buck Ridge	3 rd	401	7/20 – 8/18	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 Service 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. If compliance is not met, permittees will be sent notices of non-compliance and associated requirements to address the violation(s).

576 head of cattle are scheduled to enter the Snake John and Bull Pasture units on the 9th of June. Cattle will remain in the Snake John unit until June 29th. 175 head of cattle will be moved into Bull Pasture no later than June 13th. Cattle will move into South Buck Ridge and Hominy Creek on or before June 30th. The 401 head of cattle will then move to Pole Creek-Bennion Park and

Upper Buck Ridge on or before July 20th and then move to Boundary Spring-Cart Hollow on August 19th. Snake John can be used to gather cattle before removing them from forest land but should only graze Snake John the second time for a few days.

The grazing fee will be \$1.35 per head month this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures before cattle will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Riding-Distribution

Permittees will be required to provide adequate herding on the allotment. Adequate distribution of livestock will help reduce concentrated use in the key areas (i.e. meadows, stream bottoms). Key areas are those rangelands or riparian areas on the allotment most preferred by livestock and are typically grazed first and receive the most concentrated use. When allowable use is met in key areas, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit or removed from the allotment if it is the last scheduled unit to be grazed. Utilization cages or ocular utilization examinations may be used to determine actual use by livestock.

Use salt as necessary to aide in the distribution of the cattle. Place salt far away from key areas, water, and meadows. Salt needs to be used to help draw cattle into areas that are usually grazed lightly.

Annual Operating Planning Meeting

The annual meeting was held on April 5, 2007. Those in attendance included Steve Richens, Jon Miles, Fred Bastian, Ken Huber, Leah Bastian, Sandy Nelson, DeAnn Christensen, and Amber Helmus. The following items were discussed:

1. Permittees indicated a need to reconstruct several fences. Many are old or were totally rendered useless by last year's heavy snows. Steve said that the fence from Wild Horse to Rock Spring needed total reconstruction for several miles. Amber said that materials are available and that some rerouting may be possible if necessary. Steve indicated that a bulldozer to clean the fence line was needed. Amber talked with JR Kirkaldie, the District Ranger, and NEPA needs to be done before a bulldozer can be used. NEPA for range improvements will be done this summer and then a bulldozer can hopefully be used next year.
2. Permittees mentioned that areas near Poison Lake have lots of timber that need to be removed. Farm Creek allotment is 1 of 13 burns which will occur from 2008-2013. Approximately, 7,408 acres will be burned in Farm Creek.
3. The permittees again mentioned the need to move the cattle guard at the Forest Boundary or construct a new one up the road a short distance to the ditch in order to eliminate the bottleneck at the boundary. Amber indicated that there was not a cattle guard available; however, Jon has built one which is used on another allotment and maybe he could build one for Farm Creek Allotment.
4. There is a musk thistle and Russian Olive problem in Cart Hollow needs to be addressed in 2007. Amber will notify the Forest Service weeds crew.

5. Permittees mentioned that a drift fence will be built this summer at the bottom of coal mine draw. Contact Amber for materials.
6. Permittees indicated that the cattle guards at Hominy Creek and the Bull Pasture are filled with sediment and need cleaning. Amber will contact the engineering group about having them cleaned.

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. 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 before the cattle enter the allotment to allow us sufficient time to inspect these improvements. A Range technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Permittee	Improvement Name	Permittee	Improvement Name
Bastian Livestock	Russel Springs 1-3	Steve Richens	Association Spring
Bastian Livestock	White Mule Spring	Steve Richens	Snake John Complex(2 troughs)
Bastian Livestock	Elk Spring	Steve Richens	Bath Tub trough
Bastian Livestock	Beaver Creek Complex (3 troughs and pipeline)	Steve Richens	Upper Wildhorse (aka Lightning Killed Bull Spring)
Bastian Livestock	Cart Hollow Center Fork Spr	Steve Richens	Rock Spring
Bastian Livestock	Fawn Spring	Steve Richens	Colt Spring
Bastian Livestock	Ray's Spring	Steve Richens	Wild Horse Drift thru Rock Spring fen.
Bastian Livestock	FS Bdry from Wild Horse Drift west, includes West Bdry along Pole Creek.	Jon Miles	FS Bdry fence-Elk Horn GS to Wild Horse Draw Drift
Bastian Livestock	Cart Hollow-Bdry Spr Drift Fence	Jon Miles	FS Bdry- West side of Farm Creek
Gordon Bastian	Olsen Spring	Jon Miles	Snake John-Hominy Drift fence
Gordon Bastian	Davis Park Drift Fence	Jon Miles	Snake John Basin troughs
Ken Huber	Bull Past. Complex-2 troughs	Jon Miles	Robb's Spring
Ken Huber	Web Foot spring	Jon Miles	Split Trough Spring
Ken Huber	Bull Pasture Fence (north & west)	Jon Miles	Wild Horse Trail Spring
Ken Huber	Pvt. Land Farm Creek (north side)	Jon Miles	Horrocks Spring
Kent Bastian	Little Joe Meadow Spring	Jon Miles	Stinky Pond Spring
Kent Bastian	Dark Canyon spring	Jon Miles	Woodard Spring
Kent Bastian	Dark Canyon Drift Fence	Association	The Holes
Association	Logged Up Water	Association	Pole Creek-Buck Ridge Drift fence
Association	Poison Camp	Association	Coal Mine Draw Drift

Multiple Use Considerations

A concentrated effort is being made to control Musk Thistle, Canada Thistle, Whitetop, Giant Whitetop, Russian Knapweed and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts, along with Duchesne and Uintah counties. Your help in controlling weeds is needed. If you find any of the above listed weeds, please 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 781-5205 or cell 435-790-7058. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2007 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Farm Creek Allotment

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
Boundary Spring-Cart Hollow	4 th		
Bull Pasture	1 st		
Snake John	1 st		
Snake John	4 th		
South Buck Ridge	2 nd		
Hominy Creek	2 nd		
Pole Creek-Bennion Park	3 rd		
Upper Buck Ridge	3 rd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMMENTS: (Include needed range improvements and other proposed changes)
