

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

Permittee
T-N Ranching

Number
150

Season
July 1 to September 30

Grazing Schedule

| Unit Name | Sequence | Dates of Use | Allowable Use |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Flat Ridge | 3 rd | 9/1– 9/30 | 50% |
| Horse Ridge | 2 nd | 8/1 – 8/31 | 50% |
| Fossil Ridge | 1 st | 7/1 – 7/31 | 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. 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 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.

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.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual meeting was held in March 21, 2007 in Duchesne, Utah with Butch Jensen, Tate Jensen, Quint Pickup, and Amber Helmus present. The following items were discussed:

1. Butch said there were problems with 2nd Nature. They are having a hard time gathering livestock at the end of the grazing with 2nd Nature simultaneously in the same unit. Amber is planning a meeting with 2nd Nature to discuss problems that permittees are having with them. Amber is going to suggest that 2nd Nature not use the ridges where cattle are grazing and to avoid Horse Ridge at the end of September while permittees are trying to move cattle off the allotment.
2. There is musk thistle in the canyon bottoms off the ridges. Quint put bugs in canyon bottoms last summer and would like more bugs if they are available this summer. Amber will coordinate with the weeds crew about getting bugs this summer and will let permittees know when the bugs are available.
3. It was mentioned that repairing water developments need repaired annually. Weasel Spring needs a new trough and fittings. Fossil Spring pipe and headbox are in good condition but it needs a new trough. Amber will contact permittees when there are tires available.
4. Butch mentioned that the road to Weasel Spring needs maintenance. Amber will talk to Allen to find out if the Forest Service will improve the road and if they can cleanout two ponds that have filled with sediment. Amber will then contact the permittees and notify them of the outcome.

Maintenance of Improvements

All improvements must be maintained before cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements on the allotment. The following improvements are associated with the Horse Ridge Allotment:

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

| Improvement Number | Improvement Name | Improvement Number | Improvement Name |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 043661 | Weasel Spring | 436614 | Ostler Corral Spring |
| 004454 | Fossil Spring | 436617 | Seep Spring |
| 436618 | Horse Ridge Spring | 436619 | Flat Ridge Spring |
| 436622 | Olsen Spring | 436626 | Nettle Spring |
| 436637 | Steer Spring | 436638 | Split Spring |
| 004208 | Horse Ridge Boundary Fence | 004488 | Reservation Boundary Fence |

Noxious Weed Control

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, spotted knapweed, tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts and Duchesne County. Musk Thistle and spotted knapweed have been found on the Horse Ridge allotment. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please take contact Amber Helmus.

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, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2007 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Horse Ridge

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 |
| Flat Ridge | 3 rd | | |
| Horse Ridge | 2 nd | | |
| Fossil Ridge | 1 st | | |

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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