

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

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
Bob Fieldsted	28	June 21 to September 13
Shane Gardner	62	June 21 to September 13
Floyd Lyons	38	June 21 to September 13
Ute Tribal Enterprises	55*	June 21 to September 13
Total Herd Size	183	June 21 to September 13

*The Tribe will also run an additional 50 head in the Bear Wallow unit from Petty Mountain Allotment.

Lake Fork

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Frog Ponds	1 st	6/21 – 7/06	50%
Willow Bottoms	4 th	8/16 – 9/13	50%
Reseeded	2 nd	7/07 – 7/21	50%
Brown Duck	3 rd	7/22 – 8/15	40%*
Raspberry Draw	4 th	8/16 – 9/08	50%

*40% use for High Uintas Wilderness.

Bear Wallow – Ute Tribe

Bear Wallow*		6/21 – 9/13	50%
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*Bear Wallow will serve as an on-off unit.

The dates above are to be used as guidelines. Livestock will enter and graze the Frog Ponds unit first. The Reseeded unit will be grazed next. After 50% utilization is met cattle will be moved to the Brown Duck unit. The Willow Bottom and Raspberry Draw units will be grazed last. Cattle will leave the allotment when utilization is met on all units or on September 8th.

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 most units. In the wilderness unit, allowable use is 40%. 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). Notable key riparian areas on the allotment include Frog Pond meadows, Willow Bottoms, Bear Wallow wet areas, and wilderness stringer meadows. When allowable use is met in the key areas of each unit, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit. It is the permittees responsibility to gauge utilization on each unit, however, a range employee will regularly visit the allotment to monitor permit compliance, forage utilization, and range improvements. Exceeding allowable use standards is not permitted. If compliance is not met, permittees will be sent notices of non-compliance and associated requirements to address the violation(s). Continued violations following non-compliance may lead to permit action.

Grazing fees will be \$1.32 per head month this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procures before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held on April 29, 2007 at the Roosevelt District Office with Connie Fieldsted, Wes Gardner, Floyd Lyons, Allen Huber, and Amber Helmus present. The following items were discussed:

1. The corral still needs to be chained and locked to keep hunters out. Some maintenance is also required on the corral.
2. The trail up to Atwine Lake still needs cleared of downed timber.
3. A drift fence needs to be installed on the top of Raspberry Draw this year before cattle enter the unit. The fence is expected to be short. This is to keep cattle from Petty Mountain and lake Fork Allotments from trespassing. Wes said that he would complete the fence this year. Call Amber Helmus at 781-5205 for materials and J.R. Kirkaldie at 781-5203 for a off-road travel permit..
4. Improvement responsibilities will be as followed. Developments must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements prior to and during the grazing season to determine permit compliance. If compliance is not met, permittees will be sent notices of non-compliance and associated requirements to address the violation(s).

Range Improvement Checklist

Responsible Permittee	Improvement #	Improvement Name
Floyd Lyons	3506	Raspberry Draw Trough
Shane Gardner		Raspberry Drift Fence
Shane Gardner	3173	Frog Ponds Fence
Shane Gardner	3126	Lake Fork Reseeded Fence
Floyd Lyons	3516	Aspen Waterline
Floyd Lyons	3116	Brown Park Drift Fence
Bob Fieldsted	3516	Aspen Waterline
Bob Fieldsted	3116	Brown Park Drift Fence
Ute Cattle Enterprises	3048	Bear Wallow #1
Ute Cattle Enterprises	3503	Bear Wallow #2
Ute Cattle Enterprises	3111	Lake Fork-Pigeon Water Drift Fence
Ute Cattle Enterprises	3149	Lake Fork Boundary (canal to Bear Wallow)
Lake Fork Rotation	3115	Moon Lake Rec. Fence-pasture to C.G.
Lake Fork Rotation	3149	Lake Fork Boundary (ranch to canal)
Lake Fork Rotation	3159	Association Pasture-Lake Fork Canyon
Lake Fork Association	3202	Lake Fork Cattle Corral

6. The permittees were questioning the status of Lonnie Jackson's Forest Service key special use permit. In the past, Lonnie's horses and dogs have kept cattle off water troughs in the Reseeded unit. He has camps up Paint Mine road. Allen will talk to J.R. Kirkaldie, District Ranger, and Chris Dingman about the problem.
7. The Ute Tribe will use Bear Wallow as an on-off unit in conjunction with their adjacent rangelands.

8. Allen authorized permittees to pick-up and use approximately a dozen dead trees already lying on the ground along the Paint Mine road. The trees will be made into poles to repair the Frog Ponds corral. The project was not completed in 2006.
9. The boundary fence (East and West of the main road) along the Frog Pond unit was repaired in 2006.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and 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. We appreciate your help and cooperation on the Lake Fork allotment. If you have concerns, please contact Allen Huber at (435) 781-5226 or cell (435) 790-7003.

Allen Huber
Range Ecologist

2007 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME Lake Fork

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
Frog Ponds	1 st		
Willow Bottoms	4 th		
Reseeded	2 nd		
Brown Duck	3 rd		
Raspberry Draw	4 th		
Bear Wallow			

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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