

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

Permittee
Lavon Giles

Number
60

Season
June 10 to October 10

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Rough Canyon	1 st	6/10 – 6/31	50%
Lion Hollow	2 nd	7/1 – 8/1	50%
Water Hollow	3 rd	8/2 – 9/1	50%
Bumper-Grassy	4 th	9/2 – 10/10	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. 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.

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 Instruction Meeting

The annual meeting was held March 26, 2007 in Duchesne, Utah with LaVon Giles, Hal Giles and Amber Helmus present. The following items were discussed:

1. LaVon would like the Forest Service to coordinate with 2nd Nature groups about separating keeping cattle and youth groups out of the same unit simultaneously. The main concerns are in Grassy and Water Hollows. In the past, 2nd Nature has used the closed logging roads into the head of Rough Hollow as far as the old sawmills to access one of their camps. If this occurs again, LaVon needs to let Amber know immediately so this problem can be fixed. Amber will contact 2nd Nature.
2. A trough is needed in Lion Hollow. LaVon said the State may fly a trough into the Right Fork of Lion Hollow in 2007. The Forest Service will provide a fiberglass trough. LaVon needs to let the Amber know ahead of time so one will be available.
3. The hunters have made a 4-wheeler road all the way down Long Ridge and onto the State ground which is becoming more apparent each year. It goes down by the 2002 wildfire. Bumper-Grassy receives excessive 4-wheeler use in the grassy areas.
4. Lavon noted that there was musk thistle in Lion Hollow, both on State lands in the burned area and on the National Forest. Also he mentioned the Musk in Rough Hollow

that we are aware of and have working on for a number of years. Amber will notify the weed crew.

5. The trail into Rough Hollow, Forest Service Trail 091 to Bumper needs cleaned. Amber will talk with Ken Straley about getting it done.
6. Lavon also said he was having problems with bear hunters in Water Hollow. Hunters are shooting cattle near the water troughs and using them for bait. Lavon loses a few cattle each year to hunters.
7. Lavon mentioned that he is going to work on the fence in Water Hollow to Timber Canyon. He is planning on fixing ¼ mile of the fence this summer. Amber will call him to let him know if stays are available after she takes inventory.

Maintenance of Improvements

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. Please contact our office five days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect the improvements.

Improvement Checklist

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
004298	RF Lion Hollow Spring	004491	East Bumper Spring
436475	Tall Timber Spring	436478	Lion Spring
436521	Water Hollow Spring	436527	Bumper Spring
436528	East Bumper Spring	436523	Nichols Spring
436769	Water Hollow Spring 2	004388	Lion Hollow Boundary Fence
004272	Water-Grassy--Bumper Fence	004344	Water Hollow Drift Fence
004476	Water Hollow Unit Fence		

Multiple Use Considerations

Coordination with permittees on adjacent allotments along with wildlife, recreation, watershed and other National Forest uses in needed. Please notify the Duchesne office if you notice any unauthorized use or resource damage.

Weed Control

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 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. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 781-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2007 Actual Use RecordALLOTMENT NAME Long 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)

Dates Used

Unit Name	Order Of Use	From	To
Rough Canyon	1 st		
Lion Hollow	2 nd		
Water Hollow	3 rd		
Bumper-Grassy	4 th		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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