

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
McAfee Basin Cattle Allotment
2007 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
Ron Miles	<u>79</u>	July 1 to September 15
Total Herd Size	79	

Grazing Schedule

Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
Corral Creek-Lower	4 th	8/26 – 9/15	50%
Middle	1 st	7/1 – 7/15	50%
Rock Lake	3 rd	8/1 – 8/25	50%
South Lower Basin	2 nd	7/16 – 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. 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). 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 and stalks have been removed from the plants), 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.

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.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual operating meeting was held on March 15, 2007 in Roosevelt, Utah. Those in attendance were Ron Miles and Amber Helmus. The following items were discussed:

1. A pipeline from Upper Ledge Spring to Corral Creek located in the Lower Unit is needed to better distribute livestock on the allotment. This will require environmental analysis in order to complete the project. Amber is currently working on the EA and hopefully it will be approved by middle/end of summer. Ron mentioned he would like the pipe to pump into the old pond near the creek and then pump out of the pond. The pond would be used as a holding tank.
2. Ron mentioned that Corral Creek may need to be grazed last because of water shortages later in the summer. Contact Amber if changes need to occur in the allotment.
3. A 14’ metal gate is needed for the south fence in the Lower Stillwater Ponds area and a 10’ metal gate is needed for the fence that runs parallel to the road. Close gate signs are also needed for the new gates. Forest Service will buy the gates and Ron will install them.

4. Cattleguard is needed near the Rock Lake area. Ron mentioned that he was building a cattleguard and will install it this summer.
5. Ron mentioned he would check the condition of the fences dividing the units and do the needed repairs. He said he would fix the fence by the road where it forks above the trough this year.
6. Amber said cattle need to be kept out of Rock Lake until they are schedule to graze it. Using gates and fences will help control the cattle. Rock Lake is a key area and is often overgrazed.
7. It was mentioned that invasive weeds can be found around the river bottom/duck farm and where the new gates are going. Amber will make sure the weed crew is aware of the weeds and the weed crew needs to respray area.

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.

Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities

Improvement Number	Improvement Name	Improvement Number	Improvement Name
004255	Meadow Unit Fence	004256	Basin Unit Fence
004257	Dugway Fence	004358	McAfee Drift Fences
004187	Rock Lake Spring	004451	Koefert Spring
435695	Rock Lake Spring #2	435698	Ledge Spring
435691	Timothy Spring	435696	Upper Ledge Spring

Salting

Salt needs to be used to help livestock distribution. Salting should not occur near key areas but in areas that generally receive light use normally. **Do not** salt in open parks and meadows, and adjacent to water. Remove salt from those areas that have reached proper utilization.

Multiple Use Considerations

A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts and Duchesne County. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please 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**. Permittees need to turn in separate actual use reports. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 781-5205 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 McAfee Basin

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
Corral Creek-Lower	1 st		
Middle	2 nd		
Rock Lake	3 rd		
South Lower Basin	4 th		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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