

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Petty Mountain Cattle Allotment
2007 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Season</u>
Brent Fisher	114		June 21 to September 8
Eric Fisher	80		June 21 to September 8
Naomi Fisher	61		June 21 to September 8
Ute Tribal Enterprises		50*	June 21 to September 8
Total Herd Size	255	50	June 21 to September 8

*The Tribe will run their 50 head on the Lake Fork Allotment in Bear Wallow.

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Number of Cattle	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use
West Petty Mountain		4 th	8/19 – 9/08	50%
East Petty Mountain		1 st	6/21 – 7/17	50%
Mackentire		1 st	6/21 – 7/17	50%
Parks		2 nd	7/18 – 8/18	50%
Long Park*	80	2 nd	7/18 – 8/18	50%
Toquer-Fish Creek*	50	2 nd	7/18 – 8/18	50%
Little Meadow*	25	2 nd	7/18 – 8/18	50%
Wild Horse*	40	2 nd	7/18 – 8/18	50%
Wilderness		3 rd	7/28 – 8/18	40%
West Park	0	3 rd	7/28 – 8/18	40%
Swasey Hole	60	3 rd	7/28 – 8/18	40%

*At least the number of cattle indicated will be put into these units first with the residue in the Parks. By August 19th cattle will move out of the Parks to the West Petty Mountain unit.

The dates above are to be used as guidelines. All cattle will enter and graze the East Petty Mountain and Mackentire units first. Cattle will be kept out of sagebrush ridges of the West Petty Unit. Around July 18th or when utilization has been met, cattle will then enter Parks unit and be distributed in Long Park, Toquer-Fish Creek, Little Meadow, and Wild Horse areas. Mill Park, Center Park, and Cow Park will not have cattle placed within them initially. For the Parks unit: at least the number of cattle indicated above will be put into Long Park, Toquer-Fisher Creek, Little Meadow, and Wild Horse. On July 28th, approximately 60 head of cattle will be gathered and placed in Swasey Hole. The West Park will not be grazed. Cattle will graze the sagebrush ridges of the West Petty Mountain unit 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 units, 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) 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. Notable key riparian areas on the allotment include Cow Park, Little Meadow, Hells Canyon Creek to Mill Park, Fish Creek-Toquer Lake, and wilderness wet 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. A range technician 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 28, 2007 at the Roosevelt District Office. Those present in the meeting were Eric Fisher, Brent Fisher, Amber Helmus, and Allen Huber. The following items were discussed:

1. No salting is allowed in the Parks.
2. When cattle move from the lower units into the Parks unit, they will be distributed into upper Long Park, Wild Horse Ridge, Toquer-Fish Creek, and other perimeter forage areas first with the residue in the Parks. Cattle should **not** be placed into Mill, Center, and Cow Parks first.
3. All Fisher Yellowstone cattle will be ear tagged with blue tags. No blue-tagged cattle will be allowed on the Petty Mountain allotment.
4. Troughs at McKune, Wild Horse, Transfer, Upper Mackentire, and Center Park Springs need to be replaced or repaired. Allen said that the permittees needed to contact the Ranger, J.R. Kirkaldie, about gaining access to repair these improvements. His number is 781-5203. The Forest will provide materials. Contact Amber Helmus at 781-5205 for materials.
5. The Forest Service is responsible for putting up and taking down the let-down fences at Cow Park and Mill Park exclosures. The permittees wanted to decrease the size of the Mill Park exclosure. Allen said he would visit the site and make a determination.
6. The Swasey Hole Drift Fence is no longer needed nor is it functional. Eric and Brent agreed to begin removing the fence. A key to unlock and enter through the gate at Center Park
6. 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
Brent & Eric Fisher	3012	McKune Spring
Brent & Eric Fisher	3081	Mackentire Spring
Brent & Eric Fisher	3123	Hells Canyon Drift Fence
Brent & Eric Fisher		Yellow Ledges Drift Fence
Brent & Eric Fisher	3013	Flea Flat Trough
Brent & Eric Fisher	3079	Long Park Spring #2
Brent & Eric Fisher	3080	Topping Out Spring
Brent & Eric Fisher	3193	Swasey Hole Drift Fence
Brent & Eric Fisher	3193	Swasey Hole Drift Fence
Brent & Eric Fisher	3099	Center Park Spring
Brent & Eric Fisher	3518	Little Meadow Spring
Responsible Permittee	Improvement #	Improvement Name
Brent & Eric Fisher	3121	Cow Park-Little Meadow Drift Fence
Brent & Eric Fisher	3115	Petty Creek Drift Fence
Brent & Eric Fisher	3336	Lower Fish Creek Drift Fence
Brent & Eric Fisher	3517	West Park Spring
Brent & Eric Fisher		Boundary Fences on Private Property
Brent & Eric Fisher	3097	Wild Horse Spring
Brent & Eric Fisher		Transfer Spring
Brent & Eric Fisher	3512	Lower & Main Mackentire Troughs
Brent & Eric Fisher		Raspberry Drift Fence
Brent & Eric Fisher	3127	Mackentire Drift Fence
Brent & Eric Fisher	3148	Lake Fork-Yellow Ledges Boundary

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 Petty Mountain allotment. If you have concerns, please contact Allen Huber at (435) 781-5226 or cell (435) 790-7003.

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