

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Duchesne Ranger District  
Wilbur Bench Cattle Allotment  
2007 Annual Operating Instructions**

**Permittee**  
Michael Vanderhoof

**Number**  
135

**Season of Use**  
June 1 to October 1

**Grazing Schedule**

<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Dates of Use</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/01 – 7/05	50%
Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/06 – 8/20	50%
Tub Ridge	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/21 – 10/01	50%

The above dates are to be used as guidelines. Cattle will enter and be distributed in the Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon unit first. On July 6<sup>th</sup> or when allowable use is reached, the cattle will move onto the Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge unit. Cattle will graze the Tub Ridge unit last.

The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. When allowable use for a key area is achieved (50% use of key upland forage species and 4” to 6” stubble height for riparian forage species), livestock need to be moved to the next scheduled unit. 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. 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 Meeting**

A meeting was held at the Duchesne Ranger Station on April 2, 2007. Michael Vanderhoof and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. The Mud Springs (Avintaquin Campground) pipeline needs to be check annually. Also, Michael mentioned that he might need to replace pipe going to Wilbur trough. Contact Amber for materials.
2. Michael mentioned problems with 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature groups camping at water troughs spreading the livestock had improved during the 2006 grazing season. Michael needed to inform Amber immediately if the problem occurs again this year.

3. All fences should be checked annually and fences that need to be fixed should be repaired before cattle enter the sub-unit.
4. A prescribed burn in Wilbur Canyon will occur sometime in the next few years. EA is currently being done on the prescribed burn.
5. Michael mentioned that he would like a please close gate sign. Amber will contact him when one is available.

**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 prior to cattle entering the allotment so that we will have time to inspect these improvements. A Forest Service technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time.

**Improvement Checklist**

<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>	<b>Improvement #</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
004207	Wilbur Bench Boundary Fence	004445	Tub-Wilbur Fence
004239	Wilbur Bench-Tub Ridge Fen.	004371	Big Draw Fence
004375	Wilbur Bench 2-3 Unit Fence	004382	Aspen Spring
436650	Little Mud Spring	432049	Peatross Spring
433260	Andrus-Mud Spring Pipeline	436645	Red Cedar Spring
004343	Wilbur Bench-Tub Ridge Fen.	432116	Fence Spring
004480	East Side Tub Ridge	004520	Stumbled On Spring
432212	West Side Tub Ridge	436663	Trail Ridge Spring
		436664	Aspen Reservoir

**Actual Use Record**

The actual use record and maintenance report included in this folder needs to be filled out and returned **immediately following the grazing season**. If there are concerns with the allotment or your permit, please contact Amber Helmus at (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Have a good summer.

Amber Helmus  
Rangeland Management Specialist

**2007 Actual Use Record**

ALLOTMENT NAME Wilbur Bench Allotment

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		Allowable Use
		From	To	
Big Draw-Wilbur Canyon	1 <sup>st</sup>			50%
Little Mud Spring-Trail Ridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>			50%
Tub Ridge	3 <sup>rd</sup>			50%

LOSSES: NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSES \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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