

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Roosevelt Duchesne Ranger District  
Yellowstone Cattle Allotment  
2007 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Season</u>
Floyd Lyons	169	June 16 to September 25
Naomi Fisher	34	June 16 to September 25
Robert Fieldsted	<u>31</u>	June 16 to September 25
Total Herd Size	234	

**Grazing Schedule**

<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Dates of Use</b>	<b>Allowable Use</b>
Boundary	1 <sup>st</sup>	6/16 – 6/23	50%
Sagebrush Treated	4 <sup>th</sup>	8/25 – 9/25	50%
Pipeline	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6/24 – 7/20	50%
Cow Canyon-Riverview	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6/24 – 7/20	50%
Grants Spring-Wilderness*	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7/21 – 8/24	40%

\*Allowable use in wilderness portion of unit, meadows, and riparian is 40%.

The dates above are guidelines. Cattle are scheduled to enter the Boundary unit on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. Cattle will then enter the Pipeline, Cow Canyon-Riverview units around the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. Harmston Basin will be grazed with these units. Cattle will graze the Grants Spring-Wilderness units until mid-August. The Sagebrush Treated unit will be used last.

As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in most units. In 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) following the grazing season. Prior to July 20<sup>th</sup>, residual stubble height following grazing may exceed 4” (regrowth will occur prior to first hard freeze). After July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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. Some notable riparian areas on the allotment include the wet meadows in the wilderness. When allowable use is met on each unit, the cattle need to be moved to the next unit. It will be the permittees' responsibility to gauge utilization.

A range employee will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer 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).

Grazing fees will be \$1.32 per head month this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures 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. Those present in the meeting were, Floyd Lyons, Allen Huber, and Connie Fieldsted. The following items were discussed:

1. The Fisher's Yellowstone cattle will be ear tagged with blue tags again this year. The cattle are required to be tagged to alleviate the dispute about Fisher's Lake Fork cattle possibly trespassing onto the Yellowstone allotment. No blue-tagged cattle will be allowed on the Lake Fork allotment. Amber Helmus will inspect tagged cattle prior to entering the allotment. Eric needs to inform the Forest Service when the cattle will enter the Yellowstone and Lake Fork allotments.
2. The Freestone Spring development did not run in 2006. Floyd said he would check the headbox at the spring this year.
3. A maximum of 1-3 days drifting from one unit to the next is allowed.
4. The gate and fence in Hells Canyon needs reconstruction or maintenance. Eric Fisher is responsible for the fence. Contact Amber Helmus at 781-5205 for materials.
5. An 8' panel with a walk-through gate was needed at the Yellowstone Bridge. Bob purchased and used a gate in 2006. The permittees will either use the same gate in 2007 or Floyd will obtain one.
6. Upper Country Water has charged the permittees \$50 each time they turned on or turned off the water to the lower Boundary trough. The agreement was that no charge would be assessed.
7. In spring 2008, sagebrush in the Boundary and Sagebrush Treated units is targeted for burning. Permittees need to leave sufficient grass in those units in order to have enough fine fuel to carry fire.

### 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. A Forest technician may randomly inspect the improvements at any time. All water developments will be maintained jointly by all the permittees.

#### **Range Improvement Checklist**

<b>Improvement Number</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>	<b>Improvement Number</b>	<b>Improvement Name</b>
3092	East McKune Spring	3023	Grants Spring
3029	Upper Cow Cyn Spring	3021	Yellowstone Stock Pond
3027	Crystal Spring	3010	Little Water Complex
3018	Pipeline Trough #1	3009	Freestone Spring
3024	Pipeline Trough #2	3117	Yellowstone Bridge
3022	Yellowstone GS Spring	3112	Yellowstone Ridge DF
3113	Little Water Drift Fence	3118	Yellowstone DriF #4-#5
3128	Yellowstone DF (ranch)	3129	Units 1-2 Drift Fence
3139	Yellowstone Wash Fence	3140	Riverview Drift Fence
3147	Yellowstone Bdy Fence		Pipeline Trough #3

**Actual Use Record**

The actual use record maintenance report **needs to be completely filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season.** Your contact is Allen Huber at (435) 781-5226 or cell (435) 790-7003. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Allen Huber  
Ecologist

**2007 Actual Use Record**ALLOTMENT NAME Yellowstone 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	
		From	to
Boundary	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Sagebrush Treated	4 <sup>th</sup>		
Pipeline	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Cow Canyon-Riverview	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Grants Spring-Wilderness*	3 <sup>rd</sup>		

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

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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