

PUBLIC NOTICE

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, BLM is making available for application livestock 10-year term grazing permits for both the Yellow Jacket (#08018) and Flodine Park (#08066) Allotments.

The Yellow Jacket Allotment (#08018) consists of approximately 8,443 acres of BLM administered public lands and is located in T.36N., R.19 W., in portions of Section(s) 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22. T.36N., R.20W., in portions of Section(s) 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 & 26.

The Flodine Park Allotment (#08066) consists of approximately 6,173 acres of BLM administered public lands and is located in T.35N., R.19W., in portions of Section(s) 7, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 28 & 29. T.35N., R.20W., in portions of Sections(s) 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17.

Because these allotments have not been grazed for a long period of time there has been no recent maintenance completed on existing allotment boundary fences and/or interior pasture fences. Therefore, portions of existing fencing may be in disrepair rendering them non-functional. In such instances they may need to be reconstructed and/or maintained by the prospective grazing applicant to a functional level prior to authorizing livestock grazing use.

In addition, the need for a section of new fence has been identified within the Flodine Park Allotment in order to facilitate grazing management. Consequently, prior to authorizing grazing use within portions of this allotment, the prospective grazing applicant would be required to construct this new fence. New fence construction would be authorized under a Cooperative Range Improvement Agreement between the prospective grazing applicant and the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, BLM in which the costs would be shared.

The following are the specific terms and conditions including; class of livestock, cattle numbers, permitted seasons of use, animal unit months (AUMs) and other specific requirements that are contained within the offered 10-year term grazing permits:

Allotment	Allotment Number	Livestock			Percent Public Land ¹	AUMs ²
		Number	Class	Season of Use		
Yellow Jacket	08018	86	Cattle	3/1 – 5/14	100	212
		86	Cattle	11/23 – 2/28	100	277

Allotment	Allotment Number	Livestock			Percent Public Land	AUMs
		Number	Class	Season of Use		
Flodine Park	08066	57	Cattle	10/1 – 2/28	100	283

¹ Percent of livestock forage in the allotment contributed from BLM administered public lands.

² Animal Unit Month (AUM) is the amount of forage required to sustain one cow and calf (six months and under) or its equivalent for one month.

The following terms and conditions are specific to the Yellow Jacket Allotment only:

1. Livestock grazing would not be permitted on the entire Yellow Jacket Allotment one year out of every three during the critical period between March 1st and May 14th to provide for critical growing season rest.
2. Grazing use during the critical growing period between March 1st and May 14th may not exceed the AUM's allocated for this use period as shown on the 10-year term grazing permit.

The following terms and conditions are specific to the Flodine Park Allotment only:

1. Construction of approximately 0.5 miles of new fence within the Middle Rincon Pasture would need to be completed prior to authorizing grazing within this pasture.

The following terms and conditions will be included as part of the term grazing permits for both the Yellow Jacket and Flodine Park Allotments:

1. The terms and conditions of this grazing permit can be modified if additional information indicates that a revision is necessary to conform with Title 43 CFR 4180, or if livestock use is jeopardizing cultural resources on public lands.
2. All grazing use shall be in accordance with the grazing regulations found in 43 CFR 4100, and shall meet the requirements as described in the BLM Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado. All livestock grazing use shall be managed according to BLM Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management in Colorado.
3. An Annual Operating Plan (AOP) will be reviewed by the permittee and BLM, at least fourteen days prior to initiation of grazing use. The AOP will address the grazing rotation for the permitted allotment, as well as range improvements that will be worked on during the grazing season. Failure to participate in reviewing the AOP may result in delays in turnout authorization.
4. Livestock grazing use that is different from that authorized by the permit or lease must be applied for prior to the grazing period and must be filed with and approved by the authorized officer before modification of grazing use can be made.
5. During the dormant season between October 1st and February 28th livestock numbers may be increased to make full use of the permitted AUMs allocated for this period as shown on the 10-year term permit during a shortened grazing season. These changes must be applied for and approved by the authorized officer in advance of the grazing season.
6. The temporary placement of salt blocks, supplemental feed, water tanks, holding pens or other facilities on public lands requires prior authorization from BLM. Proposed locations will be flagged prior to seeking authorization. All archaeological and/or historic sites must be avoided.

7. An accurate actual grazing use report showing use by pasture must be turned in within fifteen days after completing grazing use. Future, annual grazing authorizations may not be processed without receipt of an Actual Use Report.
8. Maintenance of all existing structural range improvements and other projects (i.e. fences, reservoirs, springs, corrals, roads, etc.) will be the responsibility of the permittee to which it has been assigned. Maintenance will be in accordance with existing cooperative agreements and/or range improvement permits. Failure to maintain assigned projects in functional condition may result in withholding authorization to graze livestock until maintenance is completed.
9. The permittee is responsible for informing all persons associated with their livestock operation that they are subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing Native American shrines, historic and prehistoric archaeological sites, or for collecting artifacts of any kind, including historic items, and/or arrowheads and pottery shards from Federal lands.
10. If impacts to archeological or historic sites are discovered (i.e. vandalism, recent wall collapse) during livestock operations on the allotment, the BLM should be notified as soon as possible so that further deterioration and resource loss can be prevented.
11. As provided for in Title 43 CFR 4130.3-2(h), the permittee shall provide reasonable administrative access across private and leased lands to the BLM for orderly management and protection of the public lands.

The following are the Standard Terms and Conditions included on all term grazing permits:

1. Grazing permit or lease terms and conditions and the fees charged for grazing use are established in accordance with all the provisions of the grazing regulations now or hereafter approved by the Secretary of Interior.
2. They are subject to cancellation, in whole or in part, at any time because of:
 - a. Noncompliance by the permittee/lessee with rules and regulations.
 - b. Loss of control by the permittee/lessee of all or part of the property upon which it is based.
 - c. A transfer of grazing preference by the permittee/lessee to another party.
 - d. A decrease in the lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the allotment(s) described.
 - e. Repeated willful unauthorized grazing use.
 - f. Loss of qualifications to hold a permit or lease.
3. They are subject to the terms and conditions of allotment management plans if such plans have been prepared. Allotment management plans **MUST** be incorporated in permits or leases when completed.
4. Those holding permits or leases **MUST** own or control and be responsible for the management of livestock authorized to graze.

5. The authorized officer may require counting and/or additional or special marking or tagging of the livestock authorized to graze.
6. The permittee's/lessee's grazing case file is available for public inspection as required by the Freedom of Information Act.
7. Grazing permits or leases are subject to the nondiscrimination clauses set forth in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1964, as amended. A copy of this order may be obtained from the authorized officer.
8. Livestock grazing use that is different from that authorized by a permit or lease **MUST** be applied for prior to the grazing period and **MUST** be filed with and approved by the authorized officer before grazing use can be made.
9. Billing notices are issued which specify fees due. Billing notices, when paid, become a part of the grazing permit or lease. Grazing use cannot be authorized during any period of delinquency in the payment of amounts due, including settlement for unauthorized use.
10. The holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (cultural items), stop the activity in the area of the discovery and make a reasonable effort to protect the remains and/or cultural items.
11. Grazing fee payments are due on the date specified on the billing notice and **Must** be paid in full within 15 days of the due date, except as otherwise provided in the grazing permit or lease. If payment is not made within that time frame, a late fee (the greater of \$25 or 10 percent of the amount owed but not more than \$250) will be assessed.
12. No Member of, or Delegate to, Congress or Resident Commissioner, after his election of appointment, or either before or after he has qualified, and during his continuance in office, and no officer, agent, or employee of the Department of the Interior, other than members of Advisory committees appointed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 1) and Sections 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) shall be admitted to any share or part in a permit or lease, or derive any benefit to arise therefrom; and the provision of Section 3741 Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 22; 18 U.S.C. Sections 431-433, and 43 CFR Part 7), enter into and form a part of a grazing permit or lease, so far as the same may be applicable.

All applicants must meet the qualifications stated in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Title 43: Public Lands Interior, Group 4100 Grazing Administration, Subpart §4110.1 Mandatory Qualifications.

All applicants must submit the following documents providing the requested information:

1. Grazing Application – Grazing Schedule Form 4130-1.

2. Grazing Application – Preference Summary and Transfer, Form 4130-1(a).
3. Grazing Application – Supplemental Information, Form 4130-1(b).
4. If applying as a corporation, group or association please provide a copy of the appropriate documents.
5. Registered Livestock Brand Cards and/or Documentation of Control of livestock.
6. Documentation of ownership or control of base property.

In addition, although not required, a short narrative of how your current livestock operation and grazing management philosophy would be compatible with maintaining and/or improving the rangeland health conditions of the offered public lands may be submitted as part of your application.

In the event that more than one qualified applicant applies for livestock grazing use for the public lands being offered, the authorized officer may allocate the grazing use being offered in accordance with the factors outlined in 43 CFR 4130.1-2:

1. Historical use of the public lands.
2. Proper use of rangeland resources.
3. General needs of the applicant's livestock operations.
4. Public ingress or egress across privately owned or controlled land to public lands.
5. Topography
6. Other land use requirements unique to the situation.
7. Demonstrated stewardship by the applicant to improve or maintain and protect the rangeland ecosystem.
8. The applicants and affiliate's history of compliance with the terms and conditions of grazing permits and leases of the Bureau of Land Management and any other Federal or State agency, including any record of suspensions or cancellations or grazing use for violations of terms and conditions of agency rules.

The above listed application documents are available at the Anasazi Heritage Center, BLM, located at 27501 Highway 184, Dolores, CO or at the Tres Rios Field Office, BLM, located at 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO. These documents are also available on the BLM Website at http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/TRFO_NEPA.html.

Completed applications for the above offered grazing use must be submitted to the Tres Rios Field Office, BLM at 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO, 81323 by close of business on April 6, 2015.

For further information regarding the available grazing use please contact Michael Jensen, Rangeland Management Specialist at (970) 882-6828.