

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchense Ranger District
Ottoson Sheep Allotment
2014 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number of Sheep</u>	<u>Season</u>
Joseph & Ray Broadbent	1,170 ewe/lamb	July 15 to September 10

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Unit #	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use*
Trail On – East Fork			7/09 – 7/12	40%
East Upper Lake Fork	1	4 th	8/28 – 9/04	40%
West Upper Lake For	1	1 st	7/13 – 7/25	40%
Crater Lake	2	2 nd	7/26 – 8/09	40%
Ottoson Basin	3	3 rd	8/10 – 8/27	40%
Trail Off – East Fork			9/04 – 9/07	40%

* Allowable use in the wilderness is 40%.

The dates above are guidelines. 1,170 ewe/lambs are scheduled to graze during the 2014 season. Sheep are scheduled to graze the West Upper Lake Fork and west Crater units first and second. Around August 10th the herd will trail to and graze Ottoson Basin for approximately two weeks. The East Upper and east Crater units will be grazed last.

Grazing fees will be \$.27 per animal unit 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 April 4, 2014 at the Mountain View District Office. Vance Broadbent, Aimee Cameron, and Sandra Kaminski were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Vance will graze with 1,170 ewe/lambs.
2. Livestock will enter the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and start trailing to the Ottoson Allotment on July 9th and at the end of the season will trail across and leave the Wasatch-Cache National Forest by September 10th.
3. FS personell dicussed the potential impacts of big horn sheep on future sheep grazing in the Uinta Mountains. Big horn sheep has been listed as a Forest sensitive species. A ruling has been make on the litigaiton and the environmental assessments proceed has been started. Best management practices to reduce risk of domestic and big horn sheep contact were discussed and will continue to be employed on the allotment. These are listed below:
 - a) Do not turn out sick or diseased domestic sheep onto the grazing allotment/trailing route(s). If a domestic sheep becomes ill while grazing on the allotment, it should be promptly treated to ensure that it does not infect other animals.

- b) Do not allow contact between domestic and bighorn sheep. If bighorn sheep are sighted in a particular area, do not enter that area with domestic sheep. Move the domestic sheep to an area that will ensure they will not come in contact with bighorn sheep and contact the forest officer in charge to adjust the grazing rotation.
 - c) Promptly report all sightings of bighorn sheep. The permittee and/or his employees are required to report any sightings of bighorn sheep to the forest officer in charge, during the permitted grazing season. Sightings should be reported that day and/or as soon as possible and include: 1) numbers of bighorns observed, 2) sex of animals (*if it can be determined*), 3) exact location and 4) distance from domestic sheep.
 - d) All livestock losses are to be reported each year. Each year, the permittee is responsible for reporting the number of livestock lost and the reason(s) (*cause of death*) for the loss(s). If the cause of death is unknown or the carcass(s) is not found, this information should be included in the report.
 - e) All domestic sheep are to be counted, upon exiting the national forest. This is to assure that all domestic sheep are accounted for when exiting the allotment and trailing routes. The number of sheep that entered the national forest should equal the recorded livestock losses, plus the number that exits.
 - f) Upon exiting the national forest, if it is determined that domestic sheep are missing from the band, the permittee will then re-ride the trailing routes to locate and remove those animals.
 - g) Any domestic sheep found in the wilderness portion of the allotment/trailing route(s) past October 1st, may be disposed of by personnel authorized by the Forest Service.
4. Salt will be placed no closer than 0.20 mile from water, sheepherder camps, and Forest Service trails. Mitigation measures are required at salt sites and/or bedgrounds where bare soil is excessively high. These sites will no longer be used for salting or bedding and new sites will be located and used. One site in unsatisfactory condition was identified on the allotment (refer to the map and photos at the end of these instructions for site location). This site is not to be used again.
 5. The permittee and herders will be required to follow all wilderness rules and regulations. It is the permittee's responsibility to keep updated on wilderness policies.
 6. All camps will be thoroughly cleaned and a final inspection by herders and permittee will occur prior to leaving the allotment. No trash is to be left or buried on Forest Service administered lands.
 7. Herders need to keep accurate records of grazing use and dates, stocking numbers, big horn sheep sightings, and animal losses.
 8. An allotment map with the grazing sequence is included in the operating instructions. Herders need to be informed of the grazing schedule and sequence, big horn sheep best management practices, record keeping, salting and bedding practices, camp cleanliness, and all wilderness rules and regulations.
 9. All hay and straw transported onto the Forest must be tagged as Certified Noxious Weed-Free as directed by Forest Service Order #04-00-097. Noncompliance with this closure order will result in a citation.

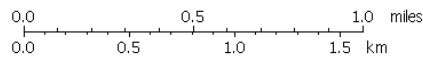
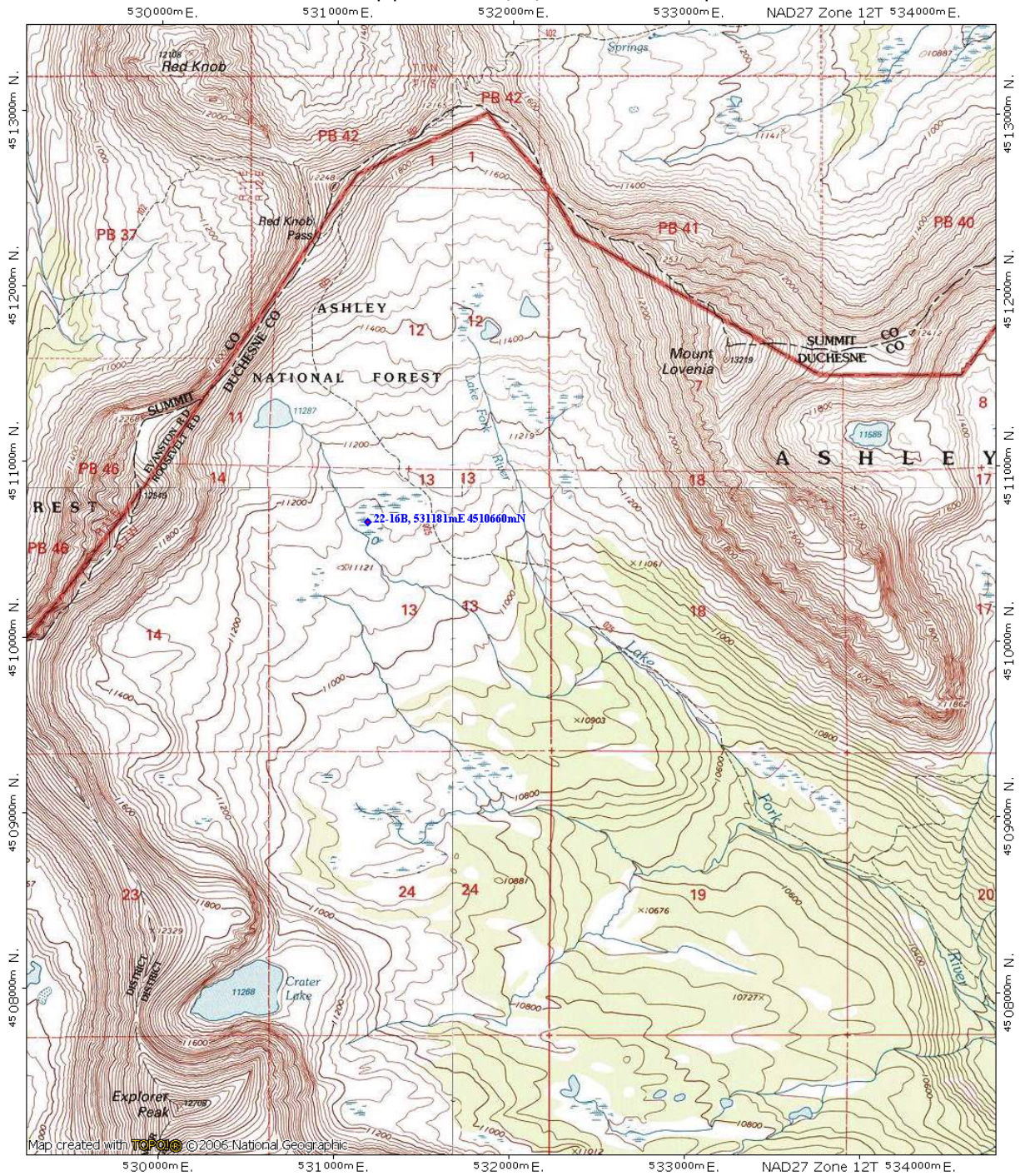
Actual Use Record

An actual use record and maintenance report is enclosed. **It needs to be filled out and returned to us immediately following the grazing season.** Please indicate dates and times of use for each unit. If you have concerns or need to contact the Forest, please phone Sandy Kaminski at (435) 781-5221 or cell (435) 790-7011. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Sandy Kaminski
Rangeland Management Specialist

Location of Unsatisfactory Salt/Bedding Ground in Little Basin

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TN MN
12 1/2°
03/31/11

**Study 22-16B4, Little Basin Salt Ground, Roosevelt District, Ashley National Forest,
Mark Muir 5833, 5834, 5835 31 July 2009**



5833. Permittees have been instructed to discontinue using this site for salting and to rotate salting areas annually to minimize impacts. Photos of sheep bedding area that has de-vegetated and compacted an area approximately 50' x 80'. This is an isolated effect within the basin as a whole. The site location is 531181 E. 4510660 N. 12T UTM.



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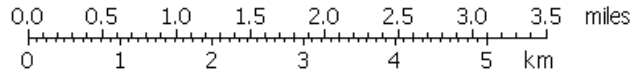
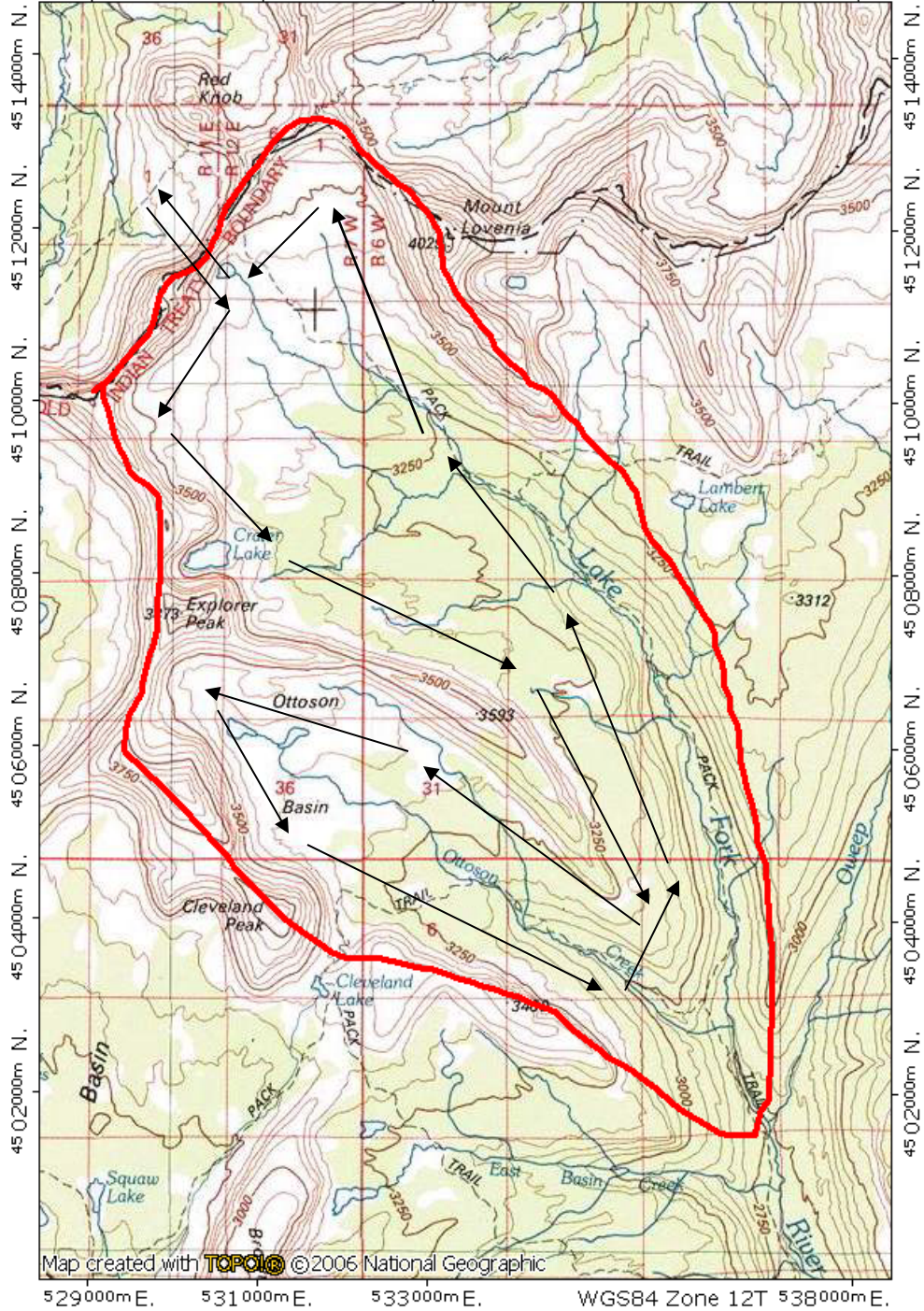


5835. Photos of sheep bedding area that has de-vegetated and compacted an area approximately 50' x 80'. This is an isolated effect within the basin as a whole. This looks a lot like a salt site where salt has repeatedly been placed on the rocks of this area – S. Goodrich 24 Feb. 2011.

Ottoson Allotment 2014 Grazing Sequence

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529000m E, 531000m E, 533000m E, WGS84 Zone 12T 538000m E.



TN * MN
12 1/2
04/30/12

2014 Actual Use Record

ALLOTMENT NAME **Ottoson**

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
Trail On – East Fork			
East Upper Lake Fork	4 th		
West Upper Lake For	1 st		
Crater Lake	2 nd		
Ottoson Basin	3 rd		
Trail Off – East Fork			

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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