

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Avintaquin Sheep Allotment
2018 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>PERMITEE</u> Scott Olsen	<u>NUMBER</u> 960 ewe/lamb	<u>NON-USE</u> 40	<u>SEASON</u> June 16 to October 7
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Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use*
Mill Hollow Unit	1 st	6/16 - 8/20	50%
Indian Springs Unit	2 nd	8/21 - 10/06	50%

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. Sheep will graze the Mill Hollow Unit first. When allowable use is achieved or by August 20, which ever comes first, sheep will then move to the Indian Springs Unit to graze.

As stated above, allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units. Permittees should closely monitor utilization. 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 and stalks have been removed from the plants), which indicates about 60% use or greater. When allowable use is met in each unit, sheep need to be moved to the next unit outlined in the rotation.

Graze the turnout unit moderately. Graze sheep thru areas only once and do not return at a later date during the grazing season. Do not bed sheep more than twice on the same bedground during the grazing season. Avoid moving sheep along the main Reservation Ridge road on holidays. Sheep that die within 100 yards of roads and streams need to be properly disposed of. Do not salt within 200 yards of live water, roads, and canyon bottoms. Salt rings and logs, if used, should not be placed more than once in each location and moved after use.

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 are at \$1.41 (5 sheep) this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection, at the Duchesne District Office or online at www.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held June 8, 2018 at the Duchesne Ranger Station. Scott Olsen and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Amber informed Scott that all water sources needed to be in working condition before sheep are allowed to graze. Contact Amber for materials.

2. Make sure that salt is far from the water sources. When sheep come into water, let them water and then move them off the water source.

Actual Use Record

An actual use record and maintenance report is enclosed in this folder 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 anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, please contact Amber at (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

Kristy Groves
District Ranger

2018 Actual Use RecordALLOTMENT NAME Avintaquin

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	Order Of Use	Dates Used	
		From	to
Mill Hollow Unit	1 st		
Indian Springs Unit	2 nd		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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