*UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST*
*EVANSTON-MOUNTAIN VIEW RANGER DISTRICT*

# MOFFIT CREEK ALLOTMENT
# 2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your term grazing permit consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a).

Authorized sheep on the Moffit Creek Allotment the 2016 grazing season are as follows:

| **Permittee** | **Authorized Number** | **Season of Use** |
|---|---|---|
| Diamond W Land & Livestock | 1050 ewe/lamb | 7/11 – 9/29 |

The following is the planned sequence of use for this year:

| Order | Unit | No. of Days | Planned Dates |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 3 | 19 | 7/11 – 7/29 |
| 2nd | 2 | 15 | 7/30 – 8/13 |
| 3rd | 1* | 38 | 8/14 – 9/20 |
| 4th | 4 | 9 | 9/21 – 9/29 |

***10 days on National Forest & 28 days on private**

Any changes in the sequence of use must be approved first. Please contact Aimee Cameron, the Rangeland Management Specialist at (307) 782-6555 work or (385) 238-0030 cell.

If a need arises to vary from the number of days by more than 3 days, prior approval must be given first.

Bed your sheep one night in one area only. Multiple days use of the same bed ground is prohibited.

All camps are to be kept clean at all times. Pack out all garbage off of the National Forest; this includes any garbage that may have been left from previous years.

All camps are to be located away from trails, lakes, and other high use recreational areas.

Please notify Aimee 3-5 days in advance as to when you plan to put your sheep on the allotment.

An allotment map is enclosed; this map shows the allotment boundary, unit boundaries, use dates, and areas closed to grazing. Please review it and make sure your herder understand the grazing plan well.

You are responsible for proper utilization of the forage by your sheep. Allowable utilization and ground cover standards are described on the attachment. If inspections reveal areas of over utilization or riparian damage, corrective action will be expected (which may mean taking your sheep home early) and action may be taken against your permit. You are instructed to graze your sheep in a manner to minimize soil disturbance.

Equal utilization of the range is the objective. This requires herding and salting be properly conducted throughout the entire grazing season. **Rotate your salting areas during the grazing season and from year to year.** Place your salt in good forage producing areas where the sheep do not go by preference. Do not place your salt next to water, roads, trails, or in open meadows.

Every effort must be taken to completely remove sheep off the National Forest by the scheduled off date.

If there have been approved changes complete the actual use report and return it by November 30. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aimee. Thanks for your cooperation in managing this allotment.

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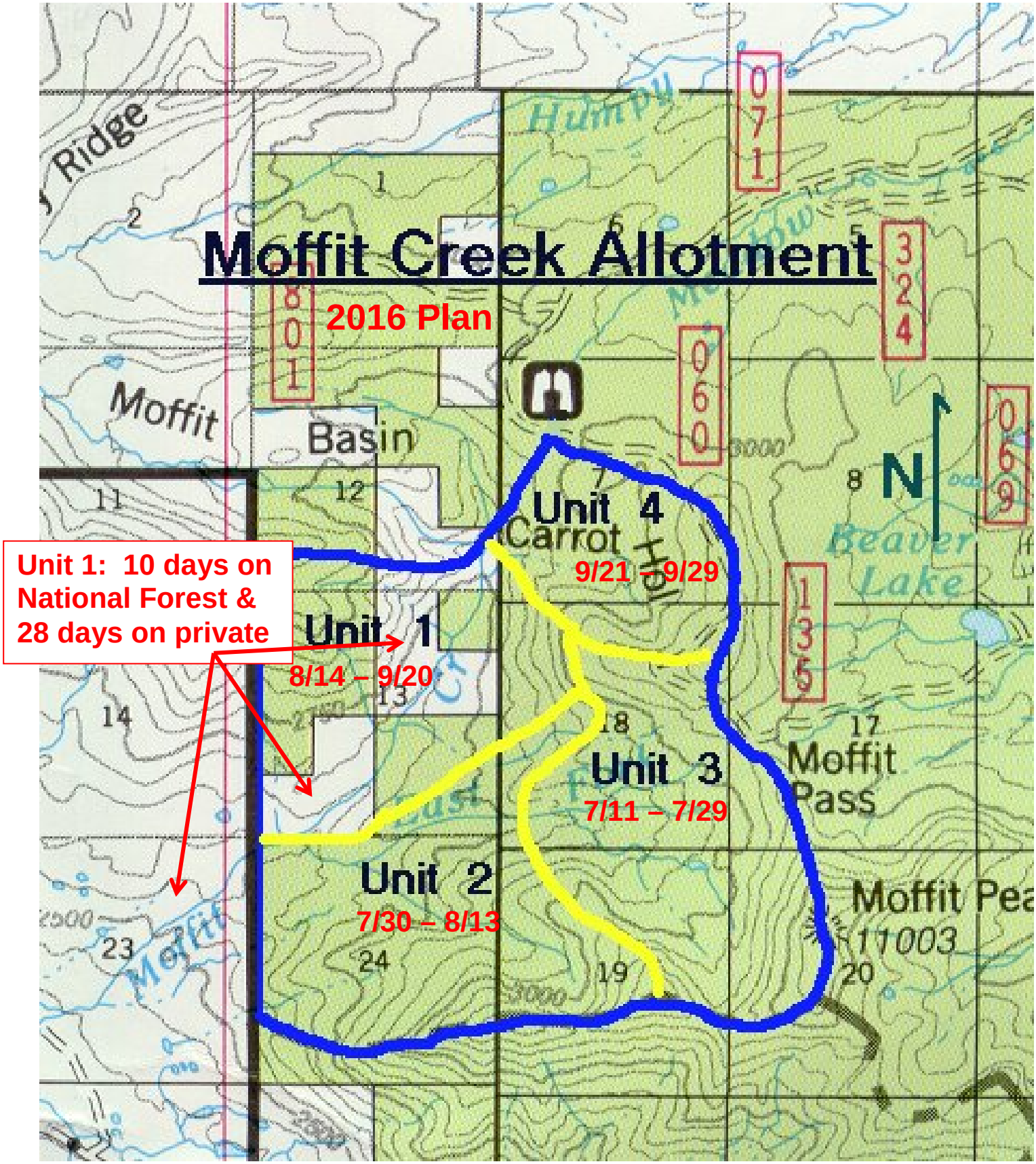
Rick Schuler
District Ranger


Moffit Creek Allotment
2016 Plan
Unit 1: 10 days on National Forest & 28 days on private
Unit 1
8/14 – 9/20
Unit 2
7/30 – 8/13
Unit 3
7/11 – 7/29
Unit 4
9/21 – 9/29
Moffit Basin
Moffit Pass
Beaver Lake
Humpy
Carrot
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# 2016 ACTUAL USE RECORD

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| **Moffit Creek Allotment** | |
|---|---|
| Permittee: Diamond W Land & Livestock | |
| Season of Use: 7/11 – 9/29 | Authorized Numbers: 1050 ewe/lamb |

| **Planned Use** | | | | **Actual Use** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Unit* | *Enter Date* | *Leave Date* | *Days Planned* | *Unit* | *Numbers* | *Enter Date* | *Leave Date* | *Days Use* |
| 3 | 7/11 | 7/29 | 19 | | | | | |
| 2 | 7/30 | 8/13 | 15 | | | | | |
| 1 | 8/14 | 9/20 | 38 | | | | | |
| 4 | 9/21 | 9/29 | 9 | | | | | |

Signature: _____ Date: _____
*(Permittee: Diamond W Land & Livestock)*

Comments: *(Included needed range improvements; improvements maintained or visited; new noxious weeds locations; and ect.)*

**Percent utilization of key grass or grass like vegetation, by vegetation type, for rangelands in satisfactory condition.**

| Vegetation Type | Condition | Percent Utilization Key Grass or Grass like |
|---|---|---|
| Upland and Aspen | Satisfactory | 50 |
| Crested Wheatgrass | Satisfactory | 60 |
| Riparian* Class I | Satisfactory | 50 |
| Riparian* Class II & III | Satisfactory | 60 |

*Riparian, away from greenline

Maximum forage utilization standards (stubble height) for low to mid elevation *greenline* species in Class I, II, and III riparian areas in satisfactory condition are as follows: (Key species being grazed include water sedge, Nebraska sedge, and and/or wooly sedge.)

**Greenline stubble height at the end of the growing season, by riparian class, for rangeland satisfactory condition.**

| Riparian Class | Condition | Greenline Stubble Height at End of Growing Season |
|---|---|---|
| Riparian Class I | Satisfactory | No Less Than 5” |
| Riparian Class II | Satisfactory | No Less Than 4” |
| Riparian Class III | Satisfactory | No Less Than 3” |

For all rangelands, including big game winter range and riparian areas, no more than 50% of the current year’s growth on woody vegetation to be browsed during one growth cycle (i.e., when use has reached 50% no additional livestock use).

As a tool to achieve rehabilitation of upland, aspen, and riparian communities away from the greenline that are not meeting or moving toward objectives (i.e. in unsatisfactory condition), maximum allowed forage utilization is 30-40 percent.

Livestock management activities to result in no less than 85% of potential ground cover for each vegetation cover type.