

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District  
Oweep Sheep Allotment  
2011 Annual Operating Instruction**

<u><b>Permittee</b></u>	<u><b>Number of Sheep</b></u>	<u><b>Season</b></u>
Joseph & Ray Broadbent	1,400 ewe/lamb	July 15 to September 10

**Grazing Schedule**

Unit Name	Unit #	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use*
Trail On - Squaw Pass			7/15 – 7/19	40%
South Lower Highline	1	4 <sup>th</sup>	8/09 – 8/16	40%
North Upper Highline	1	6 <sup>th</sup>	8/26 – 9/04	40%
North Oweep Creek Upper	2	1 <sup>st</sup>	7/20 – 7/25	40%
South Oweep Creek Lower	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7/26 – 7/31	40%
Lower Oweep Creek	3	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8/01 – 8/08	40%
Lambert Meadow	4	5 <sup>th</sup>	8/17 – 8/25	40%
Trail Off - Squaw Pass			9/05 – 9/10	40%

\* Allowable use in the wilderness is 40%.

The dates above are guidelines. 1,400 ewe/lambs are scheduled to graze during the 2011 season. Sheep are scheduled to graze the North Oweep Creek Upper unit first. Then graze the South Oweep Creek Lower unit for approximately 6 days. The band will then graze the Lower Oweep Creek, South Lower Highline, and Lambert Meadow units respectively. The band will conclude by grazing the North Upper Highline unit before leaving the allotment.

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 March 30, 2011 at the Mountain View District Office. Joe Broadbent, Vance Broadbent, Justin McConkey, Rick Schuler, and Allen Huber were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Joe will graze with 1,400 ewe/lambs.
2. Livestock will start trailing on July 15<sup>th</sup> and will leave the National Forest on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
3. Justin, Allen, and Rick explained 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. No environmental assessments will be done on sheep allotments until litigation is completed and Regional Office gives forests directions and guidelines regarding big horn sheep. Best management practices to reduce risk of domestic and big horn sheep contact were discussed and will be employed starting the 2011 grazing season. These are listed below:

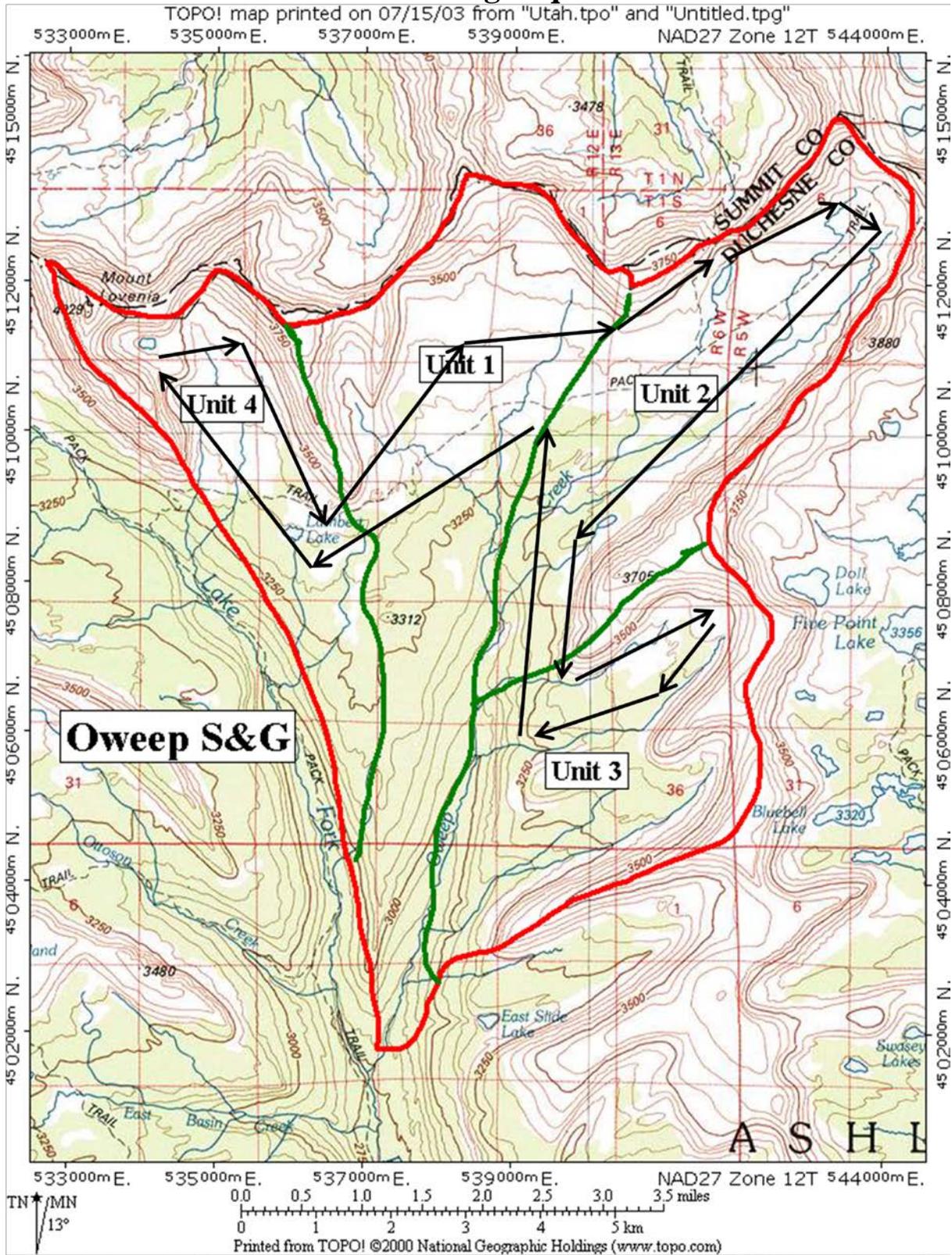
- a) Do not turn out sick or diseased domestic sheep onto the grazing allotment/trailing route(s). If a domestic sheep becomes ill while grazing on the allotment, it should be promptly treated to ensure that it does not infect other animals.
  - b) Do not allow contact between domestic and bighorn sheep. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, may be disposed of by personnel authorized by the Forest Service.
4. Salt will be placed no closer than 0.20 mile from water 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.
  5. The permittee will be required to follow all wilderness rules and regulations.
  6. All camps will be thoroughly cleaned and a final inspection by herders and permittee will occur prior to leaving the allotment.
  7. Herders need to keep accurate records of grazing use and dates, stocking numbers, 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.

**Actual Use Record**

An actual use record and maintenance report is enclosed needs to be filled out and returned to us by **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 Allen Huber at (435) 781-5226 or at his cell (435) 790-7003. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Allen A Huber  
Ecologist

# 2011 Grazing Sequence



**2011 Actual Use Record**

ALLOTMENT NAME Oweep

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 - Squaw Pass			
South Lower Highline	4 <sup>th</sup>		
North Upper Highline	6 <sup>th</sup>		
North Oweep Creek Upper	1 <sup>st</sup>		
South Oweep Creek Lower	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Lower Oweep Creek	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Lambert Meadow	5 <sup>th</sup>		
Trail Off - Squaw Pass			

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

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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