

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt Ranger District
Tungsten-Painter Sheep Allotment
2011 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee
Joseph & Ray Broadbent

Number of Sheep
1,500 drys

Season
July 12 to September 1

Grazing Schedule

Painter Basin Allotment

Unit Name	Unit #	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use*
Trail On - Gunsight Pass				
Gilbert Creek	1	Rest		
Upper Painter Basin (North)	2	Rest		
Lower Painter Basin (South)	3	Rest		
Trail Off - Gunsight Pass				

Tungsten Allotment

Unit Name	Unit #	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use*
Trail On - Smith Fork Pass			7/12 – 7/16	40%
Head of Yellowstone	1	1 st	7/17 – 7/30	40%
North Star Lake	2	2 nd	7/31 – 8/18	40%
Kings Lake	3	3 rd	8/19 – 8/28	40%
Trail Off - Smiths Fork Pass			8/29 – 9/01	40%

* Maximum allowable use in the wilderness is set at 40%.

1,500 drys are scheduled to graze during the 2011 season. Sheep are scheduled to graze head of Head of Yellowstone unit first. Around July 31st, the herd will enter and graze the North Star Lake unit. The Kings Lake unit will be grazed last.

The dates of use above are to be used guidelines. The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. Since the allotment is located within the High Uinta Wilderness Area, allowable use is 40% in upland forage areas in all units. A 4" stubble height of riparian forage species (i.e. sedges) shall be left in all riparian forage areas (i.e. stream corridors and wet meadows). Permittees should closely monitor utilization.

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. 1,500 drys will graze Tungsten Allotment in 2011.
2. Sheep will trail on July 12th and will be off the National Forest on September 4th.
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 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 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.

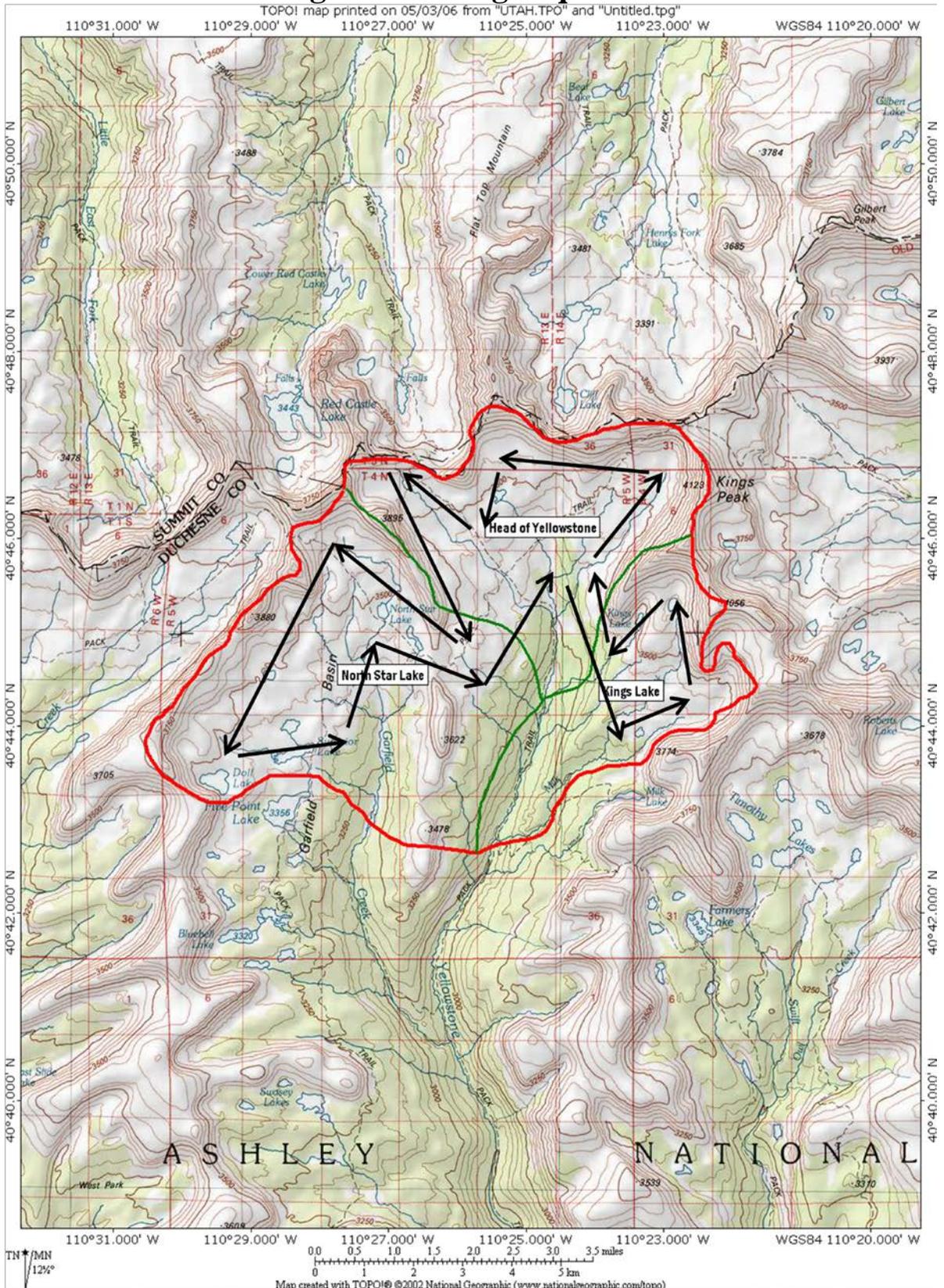
5. The permittee will be required to follow all wilderness rules and regulations.
6. All camps will be thoroughly cleaned and a final inspection by herders and permittee will occur prior to leaving the allotment.
7. Herders need to keep accurate records of grazing use and dates, stocking numbers, and 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 needs to **be filled out and returned to us immediately following the grazing season.** Please indicate dates and times of use for each unit. The report helps us to tabulate actual use on your allotment. 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

Tungsten Grazing Sequence



2011 Actual Use RecordALLOTMENT NAME Tungsten-Painter Allotment

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK GRAZED _____

DATE ENTERED NATIONAL FOREST _____

DATE LEFT NATIONAL FOREST _____

HOURS WORKED ON MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

HOURS WORKED ON CONSTUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

RECORD OF USE BY UNITS WITHIN ALLOTMENT (AS SHOWN ON MAP)

Painter Basin Allotment

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates Used	
		From	to
Trail On - Smith Fork Pass			
Head of Yellowstone	1 st		
North Star Lake	2 nd		
Kings Lake	3 rd		
Trail Off - Blacks Fork			

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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