

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District
Avintaquin Sheep Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

PERMITEE [REDACTED]	NUMBER 1000 ewe/lamb	NON-USE 0	SEASON June 16 to October 15
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Grazing Schedule

Pasture/Unit	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use*
Indian Springs Unit	1 st	6/16 - 8/20	50%
Mill Hollow Unit	2 nd	8/21 - 10/15	50%

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. Sheep will graze the Indian Springs Unit first. When allowable use is achieved or by August 20, whichever ever comes first, sheep will then move to the Mill Hollow 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 livestock 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 staff member will regularly visit the allotment throughout the grazing season 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 **\$0.27** per head month this year. *Fees must be received and processed before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.* Payment can be mailed into Duchesne District Office or online at www.FS.FED.US/BILLPAY. It can take two to three weeks for payment to be processed so please pay your bill well in advance of your on date.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

The annual meeting was held in Duchesne on May 21, 2025 with [REDACTED] present. The following items were discussed:

1. Indian Springs head box needs to be reconstructed, [REDACTED] will work on that this summer.

2. Drought conditions were discussed. The western portion of the district has received near normal snowfall this winter but the long range forecast is warmer and dryer than normal. If dry conditions persist through the spring and summer months livestock numbers may need to be reduced or livestock may need to come off the allotment early. Utilization levels will need to be monitored closely.

Maintenance of Improvements

All range improvements must be maintained before the livestock will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact our office **five** days before livestock enter the allotment to allow us ample time to inspect these improvements. When reworking improvements, all discarded materials (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) must be removed from forest property. Forest Service personnel may randomly inspect range improvements on the allotment.

Improvement #	Improvement Name	Improvement #	Improvement Name
433699	Indian Spring	436535	Bowen Spring Reservoir
436610	Chicken Spring	436536	Trail Hollow Reservoir
436612	Balsam Spring		

Multiple Use Considerations

Coordination with permittees on adjacent allotments along with wildlife, recreation, watershed and other National Forest uses is needed. Please notify the Duchesne office if you notice any unauthorized use or resource damage. A concentrated effort is being made to control musk thistle, Russian knapweed, tall and regular whitetop, and other noxious weeds throughout the Duchesne Ranger District and Duchesne County. Your help is needed in finding and reporting all weed infestations. If you find weeds, please contact Sandy.

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and maintenance report included with these operating instructions **needs to be filled out and returned immediately following the grazing season**. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Sandy Kaminski at (435) 790-7011. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Joseph David
Acting District Ranger

Actual Use Record

Allotment Avintaquin **YEAR** 2025

To be completed by the Permittee showing actual use, cost and losses. Please complete one form for each allotment and mail or dropped off to the Duchesne Ranger District Office, 85 West Main Duchesne, UT 84021 by December 31st.

Pasture/Unit	Number Grazed	Date On	Date Off
Indian Springs Unit			
Mill Hollow Unit			

ANNUAL COST RECORD

Activity	Hours	Material Costs	Other Costs (Labor, Travel, etc.)
New Improvements			
Maintenance			
Allotment Management			
Other:			

LOSS RECORD BY NUMBER AND TYPE (example: 3 calves, 1 bull, 2 cows)

Pasture/Unit	Poisonous Plant	Predation	Weather	Disease	Theft	Other (fire, vandalism, hit by a car)	Unknow
Indian Springs Unit							
Mill Hollow Unit							

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____