

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchense Ranger District
Ottoson Sheep Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permittee
[REDACTED]

Number of Sheep
1,500 dry's

Season
July 15 to September 10

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use*
Trail On – East Fork		7/15 – 7/18	40%
East Upper Lake Fork	1 st	7/19 – 7/26	40%
Crater Lake	2 nd	7/27 – 8/2	40%
Ottoson Basin	3 rd	8/3 – 8/15	40%
West Upper Lake Fork	4 th	8/16 – 9/6	40%
Trail Off – East Fork		9/7 – 9/10	40%

* Allowable use in the wilderness is 40%.

The dates above are guidelines. 1,500 dry's are scheduled to graze during the 2025 season. Sheep are scheduled to graze the East Upper Lake Fork and East Crater units first and second. Around August 3rd the herd will trail to and graze Ottoson Basin for approximately two weeks. The West Upper and West Crater units will be grazed last.

The dates of use above are to be used as 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 \$0.27 per animal unit month this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procedures before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest. It can take two to three week for payment to go through Lockbox so **please pay your bill by the due date.**

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held at the Mountain View District Office on March 13, 2025. The following items were discussed:

1. Livestock generally enter the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and start trailing to the Ottoson Allotment around July 15. Livestock will not enter the Wasatch-Cache National Forest until sheep can be trailed over the passes. At the end of the season livestock will trail across and leave the Wasatch-Cache National Forest by September 10th.

3. Salt will be placed no closer than 0.20 mile from water, sheepherder camps, 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. One site in unsatisfactory condition was identified on the allotment (refer to the map and photos at the end of these instructions for site location). This site is not to be used again.
4. The permittee and herders will be required to follow all wilderness rules and regulations. It is the permittee's responsibility to keep updated on wilderness policies.
5. All camps will be thoroughly cleaned and a final inspection by herders and permittee will occur prior to leaving the allotment. No trash is to be left or buried on Forest Service administered lands.
6. Herders need to keep accurate records of grazing use and dates, stocking numbers, big horn sheep sightings, and animal losses.
7. An allotment map with the grazing sequence is included in the operating instructions. Herders need to be informed of the grazing schedule and sequence, record keeping, salting and bedding practices, camp cleanliness, and all wilderness rules and regulations.
8. Lost seven ewes to predators in 2024.

All hay and straw transported onto the Forest must be tagged as Certified Noxious Weed-Free as directed by Forest Service Order #04-00-097. Noncompliance with this closure order will result in a citation.

Actual Use Record

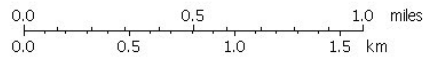
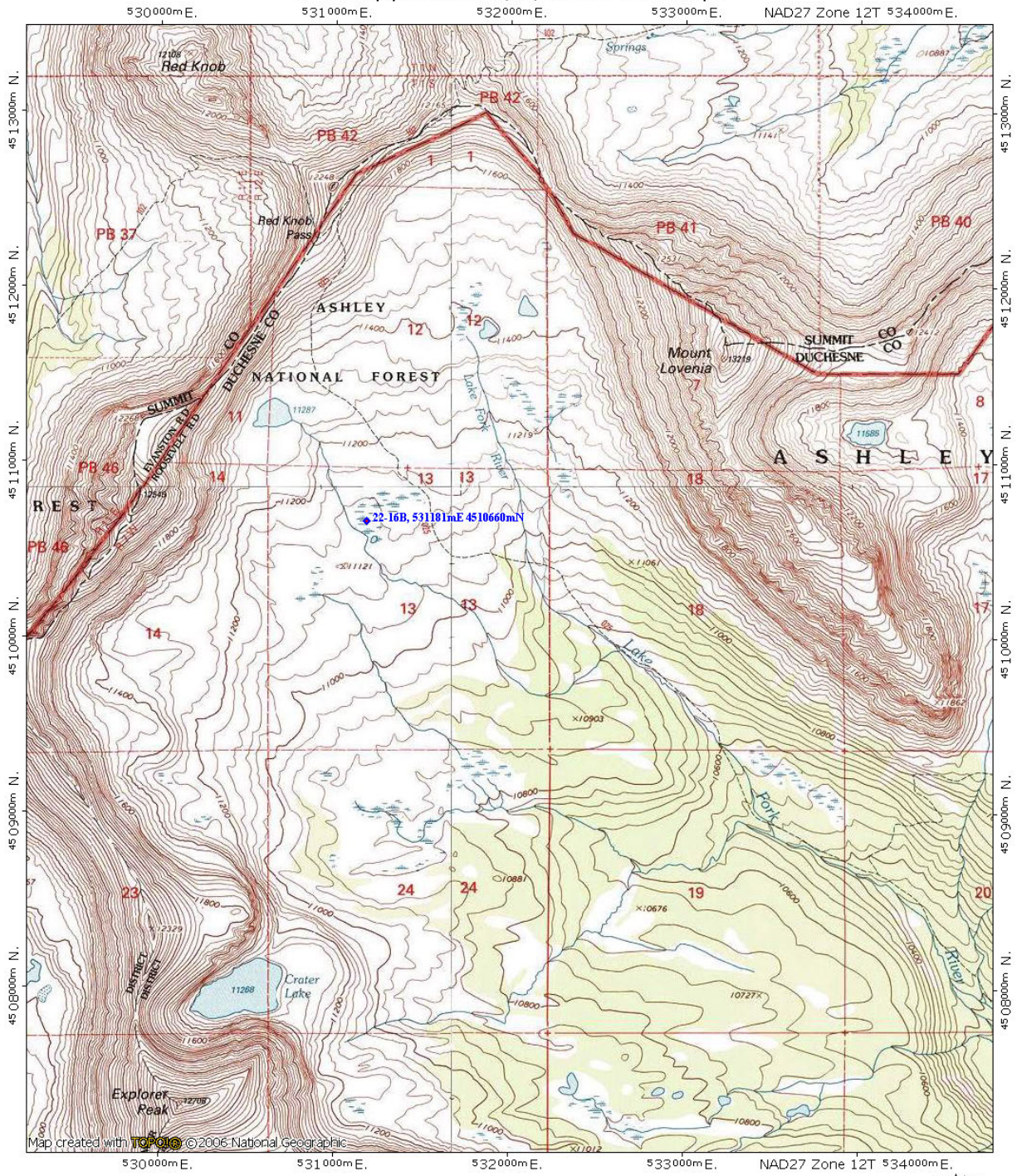
An actual use record and maintenance report is enclosed. **It needs to be filled out and returned to us immediately following the grazing season.** Please indicate dates and times of use for each unit. If you have concerns or need to contact the Forest, please phone Sandy Kaminski at (435) 790-7011.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
Forest Supervisor

Location of Unsatisfactory Salt/Bedding Ground in Little Basin

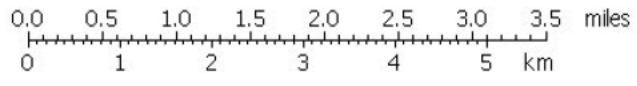
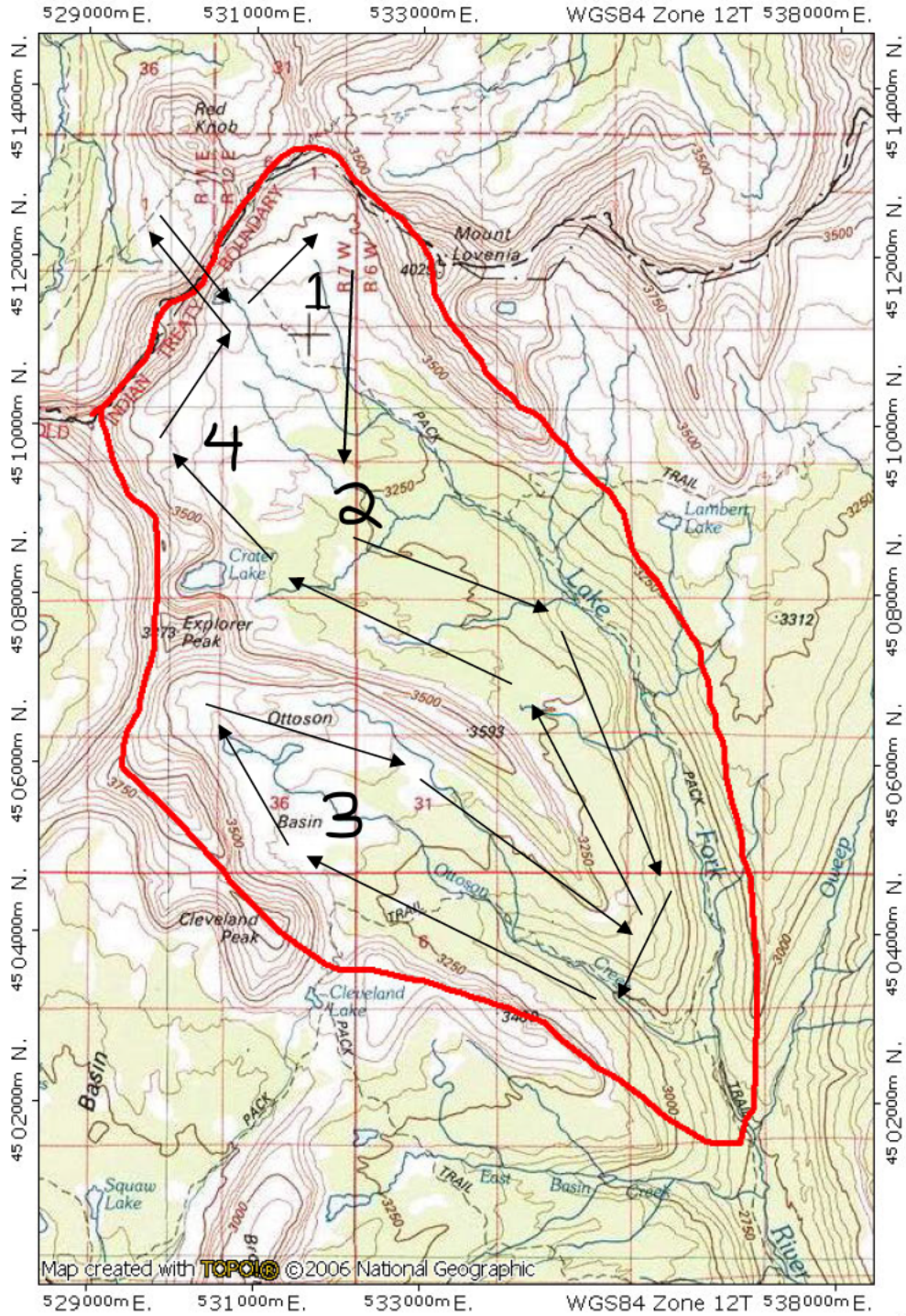
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Ottoson Allotment 2025 Grazing Sequence

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Actual Use Record

Allotment Ottoson YEAR2025

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
East Upper Lake Fork			
Crater Lake			
Ottoson Basin			
West Upper Lake Fork			

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 lambs, 1 buck, 2 ewes)

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

Remarks (needs, new projects, management suggestions):

Signature: _____ Date: _____