

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Oweep Sheep Allotment
2025 Annual Operating Instruction**

Permittee
[REDACTED]

Number of Sheep
1,400 ewe/lamb

Season
July 15 to September 10

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use*
Trail On - Squaw Pass		7/15 – 7/18	40%
North Oweep Creek Upper	1 st	7/20 – 7/27	40%
South Oweep Creek Lower	2 nd	7/28 – 8/04	40%
Lower Oweep Creek	3 rd	8/05 – 8/11	40%
South Lower Highline	4 th	8/12 – 8/18	40%
Lambert Meadow	5 th	8/19 – 8/25	40%
North Upper Highline	6 th	8/26 – 9/06	40%
Trail Off - Squaw Pass		9/06 – 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 2025 season. Sheep are scheduled to graze the North Oweep Creek Upper unit first. Then graze the South Oweep Creek Lower unit for approximately 8 days. The band will then graze the Lower Oweep Creek and South Lower Highline units respectively. The band will conclude by grazing the Lambert Meadow and North Upper Highline units before leaving the allotment.

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 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.

2. 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.
4. The permittee 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.
7. Losses were very high in 2024. Lost 56 ewes and lambs mostly due to predators.

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 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 Sandy Kaminski at (435) 790-7011.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Kristy Groves
Forest Supervisor

Oweep Allotment 2023 Grazing Sequence

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