

Hunts Lake Allotment
2025 Range Monitoring Report

Introduction

The Hunts Lake Allotment is a sheep allotment with 832 ewe\lamb pairs permitted from June 17th through September 2nd. In 2025 the allotment was stocked as follows:

Number of sheep	Pasture	On date	Off date
832 Ewe/lamb pairs	Live Oak Unit	06/17	07/12
832 Ewe/lamb pairs	Nielson Canyon Unit	07/13	08/12
832 Ewe/lamb pairs	Saw Mill Basin Unit	08/13	09/02
	Lower Hunts Lake Unit	Rested	Rested

The Monroe Canyon Fire on July 13, 2025, and consumed about 90% of this allotment. The sheep herd was removed from the Hunts Lake allotment on July 20, 2025.

Monitoring Methodology

Monitoring followed protocols outlined in the following refence:

Utilization Studies and Residual Measurements Interagency Technical Reference 1999

Key Species Method (Page 81). This Technique is a combination of the Landscape Appearance Method (Section V.D.) and the Ocular Estimate Method (Section V.C.2). Utilization levels are based on an ocular estimate of the amount of forage removed by weight on individual key species and observations are recorded in one of seven utilization classes. This method was used in the Hunts Allotment to estimate the browse and herbaceous utilization.

Stubble Height method (page 51) The concept of this method is to measure stubble height, or height (in centimeters or inches) of herbage left ungrazed at any given time. This method, because of its simple application, is becoming a well-accepted method for expressing rangeland use.

Site Name	Unit Location	Location (UTM or Lat/Long)	Study Type/Date	Percent Use	80 Percent Confidence Interval
Sawmill Flat	Hunts Lake	38.52738441682246, 112.06386830467109	Ocular Estimate October 27, 2025	11% Perennial grasses	1.5

Discussion

Only one monitoring site was read on the Hunts Lake allotment due to most of the allotment being burned in the Monroe Canyon Fire. The Forest Service Standard for this allotment is 60% forage utilization.

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Monitoring Date: October 27, 2025

Employees Present:

Oyler

Drought Indicator: No

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Site or Key Area Name: Sawmill Flat Predominant Landform: UPLANDS

Measurement Units: inches

Monitoring Date: October 27, 2025

Monitoring Time: POST-GRAZING SEASON

Reason for Monitoring: AOI Estimated use dates: July 16, 2025 to August 9, 2025

Estimated Use Days: 25

Kind and/or Class of Animals: Sheep

Sheep: 832

AUM: 136.8

Total AUM: 137

Type of Monitoring: Herbaceous Removal

Monitoring Method: Key Species

Plant Species: **All Perennial Grass Species**

Species 1 Percent Utilization: 11.1

Max Allowable Use: 60

Within Guidelines? Yes

Note:

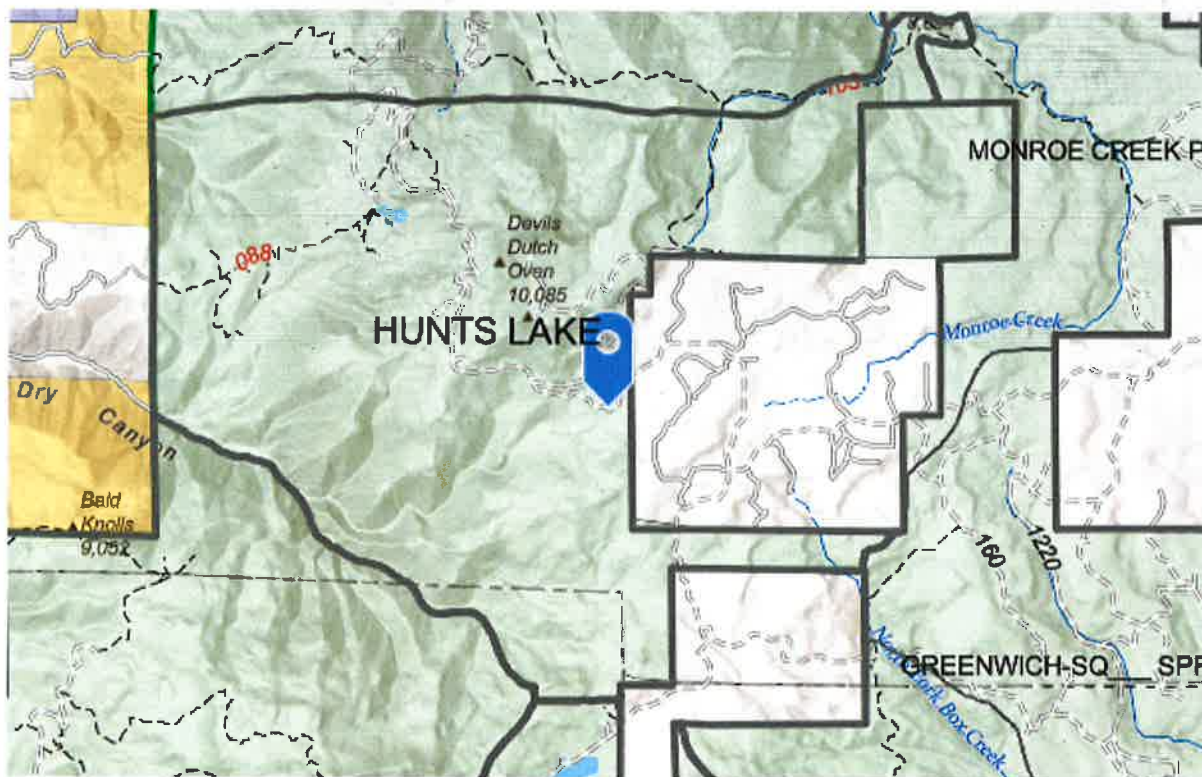
Little to no use due to sheep leaving the allotment because of the Monroe Canyon Fire



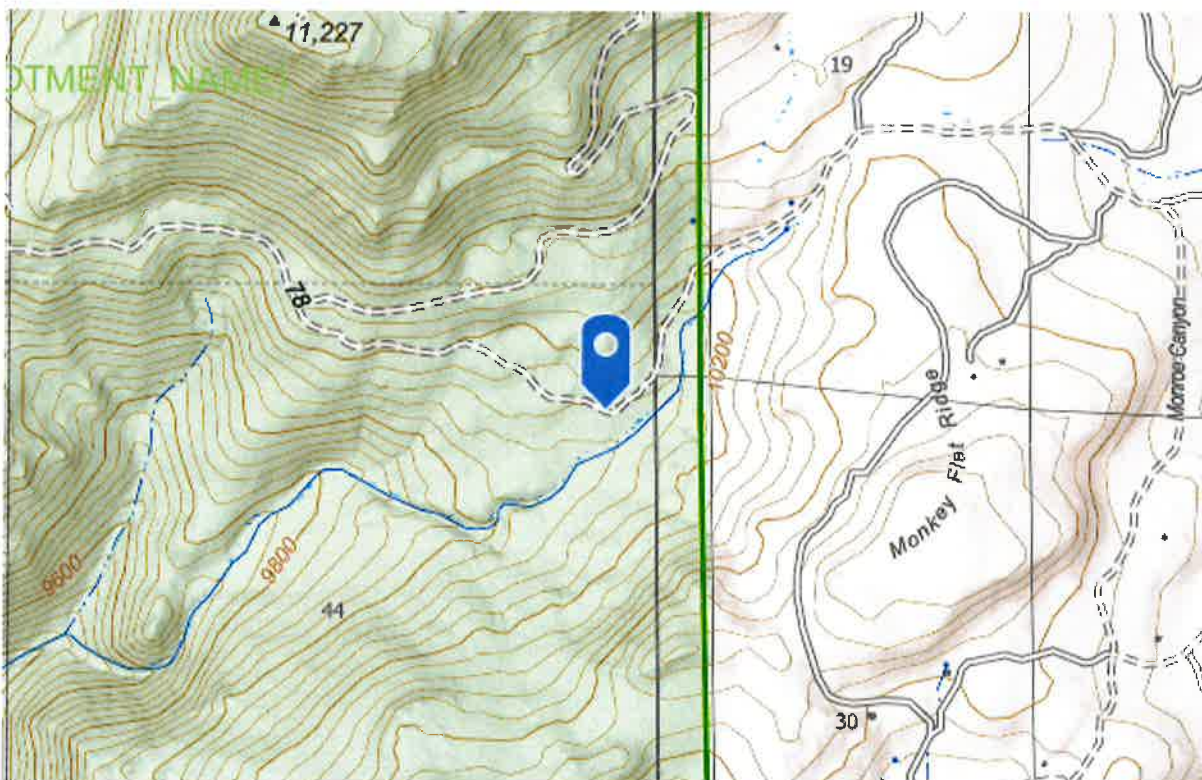
Closeup of vegetation



General view looking linorth



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Is the Standard Met? Yes

Is follow-up needed for compliance? No