

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
Avintaquin Sheep Allotment
2007 Annual Operating Instructions**

<u>PERMITEE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>SEASON</u>
Scott Olsen	750 ewe/lamb	250*	June 16 to October 23

*Only 750 sheep will be allowed to graze because there is a 25% reduction of livestock for the 2007 grazing season. Amber checked with Allen and the certified letter Michael Elson sent on August 28, 2006 which states “25 percent of your Term Grazing Permit livestock numbers for the 2007 grazing season will be suspended. Therefore, a decrease in grazing time is not an option.

Grazing Schedule

Unit Name	Unit #	Sequence	Dates of Use	Allowable Use*
Mill Hollow Unit	1	2 nd	8/21-10/23	50%
Indian Springs Unit	1	1 st	6/16-8/20	50%

The dates of use above are to be used as guidelines. Sheep will graze Indian Springs unit first. When allowable use is achieved or by August 20th, which 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 cattle 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 technician will regularly visit the allotment throughout the summer 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 will be \$1.35 per head month (equals 5 sheep) this year. Fees must be paid through Lockbox collection procures before livestock will be authorized to enter the National Forest.

Allotment Meeting Notes

A meeting was held April 24, 2007 in Duchesne, Utah. Scott Olsen and Amber Helmus were present. The following items were discussed:

1. Scott will run 750 ewe/lamb and Forest Service policy of paying before entering the allotment will be fully enforced. He will not be allowed to enter the allotment until the full number of sheep he will run with are paid for with a cashier's check or money order. Amber will also need to count the sheep onto the allotment. Scott should contact Amber to set up a time for her to inspect the sheep.
2. Amber informed Scott that one violation of his Term Grazing Permit would be grounds for cancellation of his permit on the Avintaquin allotment. This action is a result of prior violations which are documented in certified letters sent to Scott in 2006 and 2007.
3. Amber informed Scott that all water sources needed to be in working condition before sheep are allowed to graze. Contact Amber for materials. Amber will check the condition of the water sources before sheep are allowed to graze.
4. Amber informed Scott that she needed a copy of his current brand registration before sheep are allowed to graze. Scott said he would fax a copy of the brand registration. The fax number is 435-781-5237.
5. Please notify Chris Panas at the Duchesne office (435-738-2482) if any noxious weeds are found on the allotment. Musk Thistle has been found along the Reservation Ridge road at the bottom of Cat Peak in the past. The Duchesne District maintains an active weed program and your help is appreciated.
6. Scott mentioned there was a water shortage in the north end of the Indian Springs unit especially when Indian Springs unit is grazed last. The Forest Service uses a rotational/deferred grazing system. If water is a problem, Scott may have to haul water in the years where Indian Springs unit is grazed second. The Forest Service will continue to monitor the area to see if water developments are needed.
7. Scott mentioned that bears are a serious problem in the Avintaquin allotment and that he lost 400 sheep in 2006 from bears. Amber informed Scott that this is a wildlife issue and that he should contact UDWR about the problem.

Actual Use Record

An actual use record and maintenance report is enclosed in this folder 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 anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, please contact Amber at (435) 738-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2007 Actual Use RecordALLOTMENT NAME Avintaquin

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK GRAZED _____

DATE ENTERED NATIONAL FOREST _____

DATE LEFT NATIONAL FOREST _____

HOURS WORKED ON MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

HOURS WORKED ON CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

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

Unit Name	Order Of Use	Dates Used	
		From	to
Mill Hollow Unit	2 nd		
Indian Springs Unit	1st		

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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