

Tres Rios Field Office – BLM Active Sheep Allotment Information

Gladstone Allotment (#08901)

Permittee: Etchart Sheep Ranch
Attn: Ernie Etchart

Permitted Numbers: 924 sheep; 3 Horses

Permitted AUMs: 352 sheep AUMs; 6 horse AUMs

Season of Use: 7/10 – 9/5

Special Terms and Conditions:

- Do not use the area south of Ohio Gulch on the west side of Cement Creek, and south of Hancock Gulch on the east side of Cement Creek. (This addresses mineralized soil issue)
- Limit the number of days in Prospect Gulch. (This addresses mineralized soil issue)

Elk Creek (#08910)

Permittee: Etchart Sheep Ranch
Attn: Ernie Etchart

Permitted Numbers: 1000 sheep

Permitted AUMs: 93 AUMs

Season of Use: 7/11 – 7/24

Special Terms and Conditions:

- Do not use Continental Divide Trail #813 as a driveway (except with ingress/egress to the Cunningham Corrals) and minimize the number of times sheep cross the trail. Keep sheep away from the trail as much as possible.

Deer Park (#08907)

Permittee: Etchart Sheep Ranch
Attn: Ernie Etchart

Permitted Numbers: 1000 sheep

Permitted AUMs: 243 AUMs

Season of Use: 7/16 – 8/13

Special Terms and Conditions:

- Grazing rotations will be designed to minimize conflict with recreation use to the extent possible in the following areas: Spencer Basin and Highland Mary Lakes, especially during high traffic times, holiday weekends, wildflower season etc.
- Reduce the time spent on the west side of Highland Mary Lakes Basin – in order to do so, make up more days on other areas of the allotment like Spencer Basin - BLM, Kendall Gulch - BLM, Deer Park - BLM, and the area on the east side of the Highland Mary lakes.

Eureka Allotment (#08902)

Permittee: Etchart Sheep Ranch
Attn: Ernie Etchart

Permitted Numbers: 1,275 sheep; 3 Horses

Permitted AUMs: 570 AUMs

Season of Use: 7/10 – 9/15

Special Terms and Conditions:

- Grazing rotations will be designed to minimize conflict with recreation use and cultural resources, to the extent possible, in the Animas Forks town site especially during high traffic times, holiday weekends, wildflower season etc. This will be accomplished by trailing around the town site and avoiding high-traffic times of day.

Maggie Gulch (#08911)

Permittee: Etchart Sheep Ranch
Attn: Ernie Etchart

Permitted Numbers: 856 sheep

Permitted AUMs: 433 AUMs

Season of Use: 7/1 – 9/15

- The Permittee applied for and was granted non-use for the 2014 grazing season within this allotment.

Special Terms and Conditions:

- Avoid salting, bedding and intentional grazing of sheep within the identified Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly habitat. Trailing through the identified habitat will be permitted under controlled circumstances only and must be approved in advance by the authorized officer.

Picayne – Mineral (#08903)

Permittee: Juan & Donna Inda

Permitted Numbers: 1031 sheep; 1 horse

Permitted AUMs: 463 AUMs

Special Terms and Conditions:

- Grazing rotations will be designed to minimize conflict with recreation use and cultural resources, to the extent possible, in the Animas Forks town site, especially during high traffic times, holiday weekends, wildflower season etc. This will be accomplished by trailing around the town site and avoiding high-traffic times of day.
- 2014 planned rotation within Picayne Gulch is too rotate clockwise through gulch and camp in bottom.