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Marc Pointel  
US Department of the Interior  
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1553 South Main Street  
P.O. Box 911  
Tonopah, NV 89049-0911

Re: SAI NV # E2008-517

Reference: 4400 (NV065.06)

Project: **Snow grazing application, Ralston allotment, Nye Co.**

Dear Marc Pointel:

Enclosed are comments from the agencies listed below regarding the above referenced document. Please address these comments or concerns in your final decision.

***Department of Wildlife, Las Vegas***

***Division of Water Resources***

This constitutes the State Clearinghouse review of this proposal as per Executive Order 12372. If you have questions, please contact me at (775) 684-0209.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Tietje".

R. Tietje  
Nevada State Clearinghouse

**From:** Nevada State Clearinghouse  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2008 9:55 AM  
**To:** Robert K. Martinez  
**Subject:** E2008-517 Snow grazing application, Ralston allotment, Nye Co. - Bureau of Land Management



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**Nevada SAI # E2008-517**

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Follow the link below to download an Adobe PDF document concerning the above-mentioned project for your review and comment.

[E2008-517](#)

Please evaluate it with respect to its effect on your plans and programs; the importance of its contribution to state and/or local areawide goals and objectives; and its accord with any applicable laws, orders or regulations with which you are familiar.

Please submit your comments no later than Thursday, July 10, 2008.

Use the space below for short comments. If significant comments are provided, please use agency letterhead and include the Nevada SAI number and comment due date for our reference.

Questions? Krista Coulter, (775) 684-0209 or [clearinghouse@state.nv.us](mailto:clearinghouse@state.nv.us)

No comment on this project  Proposal supported as written

AGENCY COMMENTS:

All waters of the State belong to the public and may be appropriated for beneficial use such as stockwatering pursuant to the provisions under Chapters 533 and 534 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), and not otherwise. Any water developments constructed and utilized for a beneficial use whether surface or underground must be done so in compliance with the referenced chapters of the NRS for the subject parcels of land wholly situated within the State of Nevada.

Signature: Robert K. Martinez, P.E.

Date: 7/8/2008

## Nevada State Clearinghouse

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**From:** Tracy Kipke  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2008 4:20 PM  
**To:** Nevada State Clearinghouse  
**Subject:** FW: E2008-517 Snow grazing application, Ralston allotment, Nye Co. - Bureau of Land Management

Please see attached comments. Will also fax a hard copy.

Thank you.

Tracy Kipke  
Biologist - Habitat Division  
Nevada Department of Wildlife  
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Las Vegas, NV 89108  
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**From:** Roddy Shepard  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2008 11:44 AM  
**To:** Tracy Kipke  
**Subject:** FW: E2008-517 Snow grazing application, Ralston allotment, Nye Co. - Bureau of Land Management

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#### AGENCY COMMENTS:

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (Department) appreciates notice of the proposed action and the opportunity to provide review relative to wildlife resources. We understand the intent of the proposed action is to issue a temporary non-renewable grazing authorization on the Ralston Allotment. The Ralston Allotment is vacant and considered as a Forage Reserve. The authorization would allow for 500 head of livestock from October 15, 2008 to May 10, 2009 on the East portion of the South Ralston Pasture and 100 head of livestock from November 1, 2008 to May 15, 2009 for the West Pasture of the Ralston Allotment.

Mindful that grazing would be temporary; we have identified wildlife resources in the East Portion of the South Pasture for management consideration as the proposed decision document is being developed. A number of Ferruginous Hawk, Golden Eagle and Prairie Falcon nest sites occur in this portion of the allotment, with potential for burrowing owls as well. Thus, it would be preferable for the East Portion of the South Allotment term to end by April 1 to reduce disturbance to breeding raptors. The dark kangaroo mouse (*Microdipodops megacephalus*) occurs in the allotment. This kangaroo mouse is a species of conservation priority for the Department and also classified as protected by the State of Nevada. A genetic evaluation is underway in order to determine taxonomic status of this species range wide. Lastly, Department personnel have noticed an increasing number of wild horses in the East Portion of the allotment which we believe to be outside of a Herd Management Area.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide comment. Should there be questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Habitat Biologist Tracy Kipke at the Department's Southern Region Office in Las Vegas. She can be contacted by phone at 702-486-5127 x3612, or by e-mail at [tkipke@ndow.org](mailto:tkipke@ndow.org)

Signature: Tracy Kipke  
Habitat Biologist  
NDOW – Southern Region

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