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In Reply Refer To: 4130 NV-032

April 5, 2000

Dear Interested Party:

Buckeye Ranch has requested to graze more cattle for a shorter period of time within the Buckeye Allotment (refer to enclosed map). The current permit authorizes 258 cattle on a year-long basis. The request is to permit 500 cattle between May 1st and July 31st, 2000 and 350 cattle between October 1st and February 15th, 2001. The proposal is to graze cattle between May and July in the southwestern portion of the allotment, remove cattle to private property between August and September, and graze cattle in the northern and central portions of the allotment between October and February. The southwestern portion of the allotment is primarily Buckeye Ranch and Indian Allotment lands. In the past the livestock operator has voluntarily kept cattle on the uplands between July 15th-31st and removed cattle to private lands in the central portion of the allotment to rest riparian areas. Technical recommendations from the 1994 allotment evaluation indicate: 1) Cattle should be authorized only in the southwest portion of the allotment in conjunction with private lands in the central pasture and leave riparian zones by mid-July; 2) The west side of the allotment should only have cattle in the wintertime because the area is not fenced; and 3) No grazing should occur during the growing season in the North end of the allotment. The Carson City Field Office is considering approval of this request since it is within the established period of use (3/1-2/28) and will not exceed the total number of animal unit months of specified livestock grazing identified for the allotment. There will be no change in the kind or class of livestock.

If you have any comments regarding this matter, please provide them prior to April 18, 2000.

Sincerely,

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