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In Reply Refer To: 4110.2 (NV-042)

Mr. Brent Hunter 3795 N. Bulldog Road Cedar City, UT 84720

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Dear Mr. Hunter:

Your term permit (#2705018) expired on 2/28/2006. In accordance with Sec. 325, Title III, H.R. 2691, Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004 (P.L. 108-108), which was enacted on November 10, 2003, your grazing permit can now be renewed under Section 402 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1752), title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010 et seq.), or , if applicable, section 510 of the California Desert Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 410aaa-50). In accordance with Public Law 108-108 the terms and conditions contained in the expired or transferred permit have been incorporated into your new permit and shall continue in effect under the renewed permit until such time as the Secretary of the Interior completes processing of this permit in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, at which time this permit may be canceled, suspended, or modified, in whole or in part, to meet the requirements of such applicable laws and regulations.

The issuance of the permit would be for a period of ten years beginning March 1, 2006, and ending February 28, 2016. Permitted use on the Highland Peak Allotment includes 3704 active AUMs of sheep use. The season of use is from October 16 to May 15. The signed "Acceptance of Terms and Conditions" form was received on 2/9/06. It has not been necessary to make any changes to these terms and conditions since that time. The active permitted use for the permit authorizes that which is reflected in the "Acceptance of Terms and Conditions" form.

The new grazing regulations require the authorized officer to consult, cooperate, and coordinate (CCC) with affected permittees, the State agencies responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public prior to the issuance of grazing permits (43 CFR 4130.2(b)). Therefore, a copy of this letter and a copy of the acceptance form will be sent to individuals, groups or organizations that have expressed an interest in the management of livestock grazing on the Highland Peak allotment for the 2006 grazing year (list at end of this letter).

You meet all of the qualifications for the grazing permittee outlined in 43 CFR 4110.1, and this offering and issuance of a permit complies with the regulations governing issuance of permits outlined in 43 CFR 4110.2-1 and 4110.2-2.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BUDGET AND PLANNING DIVISION

The terms and conditions outlined in the enclosed acceptance form are those that have historically appeared on previous annual licenses and permits authorizing grazing use on the allotments listed in the "Acceptance of Terms and Conditions" form. The terms and conditions outlined for these allotments were developed through consultation, cooperation, and coordination with the interested public during the allotment evaluation process. The terms and conditions outlined are also consistent with the Caliente Resource Area Management Framework Plan (MFP) and the Caliente Grazing Environmental Statement (ES).

The Highland Peak Allotment is located within Highland Peak Wild Horse Herd Management Area (HMA), but is not located within a designated Wilderness or Wilderness Study Area.

If you have any questions please contact Domenic A. Bolognani, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (775) 726-8124. If you would prefer to discuss this matter in person, please call to set up an appointment with us so that we may respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

William E. Durn

William E. Dunn activy Assistant Field Manager Renewable Resources

1 Enclosure

1. Signed Acceptance of Terms and Conditions Offer

Interested Public Mailing List (2006) Permit Renewal for Highland Peak Allotments

cc:

Jule Wadsworth Steve Foree, NDOW Brad Hardenbrook, NDOW Lincoln County Commissioners Betsy Macfarlan, ENLC John McClain, RCI Nevada State Clearinghouse Mike Scott, NDOW Katie Fite, Western Watersheds Project

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ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS and REQUEST FOR GRAZING PERMIT

I, <u>Brent F. Hunter</u> agree to accept the Terms and Conditions listed below and request that I be offered a Grazing Permit to graze the following allotment(s) in which I have a grazing preference:

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Highland Pcak Allotment	2646	Sheep	10/16	5/15	100	3,704	804	4,508

Terms and Conditions:

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2, the following terms and conditions will be included in the grazing permit for Highland Peak Allotment:

- 1. Livestock numbers identified in the term grazing permit are a function of seasons of use and permitted use for each allotment. Deviations from those livestock numbers and seasons of use may be authorized on an annual basis where such deviations would not prevent attainment of the Multiple-Use Objectives for the allotment.
- 2. Deviations from specified grazing use dates will be allowed when consistent with Multiple-Use Objectives. Such deviations will require an application and written authorization from the authorized officer prior to grazing use.
- 3. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4 (G) the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (as defined at 43 CFR 10.2). Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4 (C) and (D), you must stop activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and protect it from your activities for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the authorized officer.
- 4. The authorized officer is requiring that an actual use report (Form 4130-5) be submitted within 15 days after completing your annual grazing use.
- 5. The payment of your grazing fees is due on or before the date specified in the grazing bill. This date is generally the opening date of your allotment. If payment is not received within 15 days of the due date, you will be charged a late fee assessment of \$25 or 10 percent of the grazing bill, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$250. Payment with Visa, MasterCard or American Express is accepted. Failure to make payment within 30 days of the due date may result in trespass action.
- 6. Grazing use will be in accordance with the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Standards and Guidelines for grazing administration as developed by the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 12, 1997. Grazing use will also be in accordance with 43 CFR Subpart 4180 - Fundamentals of Rangeland Health and Standards and Guidelines for Grazing Administration

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- 7. If future monitoring data indicates that standards and guidelines for grazing management are not being met, the permit will be reissued subject to revised terms and conditions.
- 8. Allowable use levels will not exceed the moderate use category (40-60%) for upland vegetation during the authorized use period.

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Signed;

Feb-4, 06 Date: