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Dear CRMP Member:

Enclosed are the minutes of our last meeting held on January 11, 1984.

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Coordinated Resource Management and Planning Committee will be held on February 7, 1984, at 9 a.m. at the Agricultural Service Center in Caliente, Nevada. We will be discussing problems and issues, management objectives, and the monitoring plans for the Oreana Springs, Bird Springs, and Wildhorse Allotments and the portion of the South Hiko-Six Mile Allotment west of highway 318. Any questions concerning this meeting should be directed to the Bureau of Land Management, Star Route 5, Box 1, Ely, Nevada 89301, or you may phone (702) 289-4865.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne M. Fowman
Kelton Hafen
Chairman

Enclosure

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CRMP MINUTES

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The Coordinated Resource Management and Planning Meeting (Caliente Resource Area portion) was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by CRMP Chairman, Kelton Hafen.

Those in attendance were:

Phillip Seegmiller	BLM, Caliente, NV
Henry Rice	Rancher, Logandale, NV
Richard Sewing	NMA, New Castle, UT
Richard Orr	BLM, Caliente, NV
Kelton Hafen	Rancher, St. George, UT
Darwin Anderson	BLM, Las Vegas, NV
Frank Delmue	Rancher, Pioche, NV
Wayne Stevens	BLM, Ely, NV
Loran Robinson	BLM, Ely, NV
Dave Torell	CES, Livestock Specialist, Overton, NV
Orren Nash	Rancher, Hiko, NV

Kelton Hafen, CRMP Chairman, introduced Dave Torell, CES, Livestock Specialist from Overton, Nevada. A motion was made to make Dave a member of the Lincoln County CRMP Committee and fill the void created by Darwin Bradfield retiring from CES in Caliente. Motion carried.

First items to be discussed concern items in the Caliente Resource Area.

Rick Orr made a proposal to the CRMP Committee that the Selective Management Categories on the Pahroc and Six Mile Allotments be changed from "M" to "I". This change is necessary based on monitoring results that indicated a need for more intensive management of livestock, and the potential for increased forage production. Changing the Categories to "I" will allow BLM to change priorities to better meet allotment needs.

Rick Orr also proposed that the Mormon Peak Allotment be changed from a Selective Management Category of "M" to "C". This change in Category is due because previously identified resource conflicts for this allotment may have been over emphasized. In addition, the projects that are proposed for this allotment will still be installed, and the resultant changes in management will have little effect on the present resource condition of the Mormon Peak Grazing Allotment.

The CRMP Committee recommended that the above mentioned Selective Management Category changes on the Pahroc, Six Mile, and Mormon Peak Allotments be approved providing the respective permittees agree to the above mentioned changes. If the respective permittee does not agree to the changes then the CRMP Committee should meet with affected permittee along with the BLM to resolve conflicts.

Rick Orr gave an update to the CRMP Committee of ongoing activities within the Caliente Resource Area, BLM.

Currently BLM is updating the Rangeland Management Program Document (RMPD) which was issued in February, 1980, which was updated in July, 1982, and retitled as the Rangeland Program Summary.

The current update is being issued to detail progress towards implementation of the grazing management program subsequent to the 1983 RPS update for Caliente. A completed copy should be available for public viewing by the end of February, 1984.

Decisions issued to date by the Caliente Resource Area number 27, all of which were to continue with present monitoring studies to be re-evaluated prior to the 1986 grazing season (and yearly thereafter) to determine if adjustments are necessary to maintain proper stocking levels.

There will be two adjustment decisions issued. The Rabbit Springs Allotment will have a change in Class of Livestock from sheep to cattle and sheep. The Morrison-Wengert Allotment based on past utilization will get a 15 percent upward adjustment.

The next topic introduced concerned wild horses and the need to be more consistent with the wild horse input in CRMP meetings.

One problem in the past was wild horse numbers were input by allotment; but because a given wild horse number in an allotment varied day to day wild horse numbers presented in the CRMP process were changed to number of wild horses (actual count) per herd management area. After considerable committee discussion, Richard Sewing made the motion that numbers of horses be given by herd management area because of the wild horses free-roaming behavior which ties them to no allotment boundary. Motion was seconded by Frank Delmue.

Further discussion ensued as to how future adjustment would be made in relation to wild horse, livestock, and wildlife. Richard Sewing, after extensive committee discussion, made the motion that livestock operators should be given priority on any increase to their grazing preference. His motion was that before wild horse numbers be allowed to increase that the respective permittee would be given back all SNU AUMs, thereafter, increases would be made proportionately. Motion seconded by Frank Delmue.

In addition, to resolve any problem with using wild horses numbers in a given HMA from a one point in time census, that might indicate high or low wild horse numbers, as the management number upon which to base adjustments; the following motion was made:

Richard Sewing made the motion that the initial wild horse numbers obtained and provided the CRMP Committee, as the respective allotments were discussed, would be the number of wild horses that would be used to initiate monitoring studies and start to build a data base. The actual management number or management range that adjustments would be based upon would be determined through the CRMP process when wild horse herd management area plans are written. In other words, the initial census number along with any other information in the data base will be presented to the CRMP Committee whereupon they will make a recommendation as to the management number or management range for wild horses in the Herd Management Area at the time Herd Management Area Plans are written. Future adjustments to the wild horse population will be based upon procedures outlined above concerning the return of all SNU AUMs to affected Permittees. Dave Torell seconded this motion.

The National Mustang Association asked for the help of the Honor Camp Crew to maintain the Haypress Allotment Boundary Fence. Frank Delmue made the motion to approve project, Henry Rice seconded the motion with all committee members present in favor.

Some permittees were concerned that some projects started by the Honor Camp Crew have not as yet been completed. It was recommended that permittees will have to make contact with Ed Glick in Las Vegas or Bill Roach at the NDF office in Pioche, Nevada, to resolve problems.