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November 10, 1993

RUSSELL RANCHES,

IBLA 92-569 (N 4-92-5)

Appellant

Appeal from the Area

Manager's Final Multiple Use Decision (Wild Horse) dated April 13, 1992, Egan

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

Resource Area, Ely

Respondent :

District, Nevada

## PROCEEDING DISMISSED

The parties to the above case have filed stipulation to withdraw the above captioned appeal and to remand the matter to respondent upon terms and conditions set forth in said stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Said stipulation is approved and this matter is remanded to the Bureau of Land Management pursuant to the terms and conditions thereof.

This case is DISMISSED.

Dated: November 10, 1993

Ramon M. Child

Administrative Law Judge

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	) OF FINAL MULTIPLE USE	
Appellants,	) DECISION AND TO WITHDRAW	
vs.		
	) NV-04-92-3	
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	) NV-04-92-4	
	) NV-04-92-5	
Respondent.	, 5. 52 5	

The parties above named, stipulate that the above appeals NV-04-92-3, NV-04-92-4 and NV-04-92-5 be withdrawn and the matter remanded to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) upon the following terms and conditions:

The Bureau will manage the Newark Allotment in accordance with the Notice of Final Multiple Use Decision dated April 13, 1992 with the following modifications.

1) The permittee agrees to take voluntary non-use for conservation and protection of the federal range. This includes cattle AUMs on the Newark Winter, 18 Mile House and South Newark Use Areas of the Newark Allotment with a season of use from 11/1 - 4/1 for a period of three years as follows:

Year	#of Cattle	AUMs	Season of Use*
93	800	4000	11/1 - 4/1
94	900	4500	11/1 - 4/1
95	900	4500	11/1 - 4/1

\* The 4/1 season of use will be flexible based on yearly fluctuations in the growing season of white sage as determined by field inspection of a BLM range conservationist and requires that a request be made in advance to the authorized officer for any extension. The permittee agrees to make their best efforts to comply with the use areas and time periods pending the completion of the fences. Flexibility, in any event, will not exceed two weeks before or after the 4/1 date and will be incorporated into the permit as a stipulation.

At the end of the third grazing year the allotment will be reevaluated to determine if management objectives are being met. If objectives are not being met the permittee agrees not to exceed the same number of livestock for the same season of use as the third year until a new decision is issued.

Monitoring data used for determining wild horse use after cattle are removed from winterfat areas will be collected by BLM personnel prior to livestock return 11/1.

- 2) The 869 cattle preference for the North Diamond Use Area will be retained with a 4/1 - 5/15 season of use. There will be no additional AUMs issued for cattle use after 5/15 on the North Diamond Use Area.
- 3) The Bureau will accelerate the range improvement coordinated planning process to complete the following fences to facilitate grazing distribution on the Newark Allotment by FY 1995:
  - a. Diamond Drift Fence
  - b. Diamond Bench Fence
  - c. Newark/Strawberry Allotment Boundary Fence
  - d. Water Canyon Fence
- 4) The permittee will use only Tollhouse Canyon for livestock trailing between the Ely and Battle Mountain Districts.
- The Bureau is committed to achieving and maintaining Appropriate Management Levels (AML) of wild horses in the Newark Allotment within the constraints of the Wild Horse Program. Upon settlement of the Newark Grazing Decision the Bureau's intent is to issue removal plans in the Buck and Bald HMA as Full Force and Effect.
- 6) South Newark will remain a cattle use area. The stocking level will be set at 100 c/c pairs with a season of use of 11/1-4/1 (552 AUMs). Use on the South Newark Use Area will be based on the following stipulations:
  - Livestock use will begin in the eastern portion of the use area and will progress towards the west, using water haul sites as management tools for distribution.

Three water sites will be established. One will be located at T. 18 N., R. 57 E., sec. 27 SWSW; the other two may be located within the following parameters, T. 18 N., R. 57 E., sections 35, 36 or T. 18 N., R. 58 E. sec 31.

2) The permittee will provide a full time rider in the South Newark Use Area while it is being used for cattle grazing.

## General Provisions

 It is the intent of the parties that this agreement is binding upon and shall inure to any successor in interest pending a new decision if any. 2) This agreement is a voluntary settlement of a contested decision and the act of entering into this agreement shall not be interpreted in the future to be an admission by the permittee that the monitoring data giving rise to the decision is sufficient, nor that the conclusions drawn therefrom are justified.

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