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November 24, 1993

DANIEL H. RUSSELL,

IBLA 92-276

(NV-04-92-1)

Appellant

Wild Horses

Referral for Hearing

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT,

Respondent

## ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The parties hereto have filed a duly executed stipulation whereby the above captioned appeal is withdrawn on the condition the matter be remanded to the Bureau of Land Management for implementation of the provisions of the said stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto.

It appearing that the parties have amicably settled their differences, this case is DISMISSED, and the matter remanded to the respondent as above provided.

Dated: November 24, 1993

Administrative Law Judge

Attachment

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

#### HEARING DIVISION

DAN RUSSELL,	) STIPULATION TO VACATE AND
Appellant,	) SET ASIDE IN PART NOTICE ) OF FINAL MULTIPLE USE ) DECISION AND TO WITHDRAW
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	NV-04-92-1 NV-04-92-2
Respondent.	)

The parties above named, stipulate that the above appeal NV-04-92-2 be withdrawn and the matter remanded to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) upon the following terms and conditions:

The Bureau will manage the Cold Creek Allotment in accordance with the Notice of Final Multiple Use Decision dated January 23, 1992 with the following modifications:

(1) The permittee agrees to take voluntary non-use for conservation and protection of the federal range in the four Strawberry Pastures, the four Griswold Pastures, and the four Diamond Pastures, beginning March 1, 1994, to an extent necessary to assure that the active preference used by the Permittee during the term of this stipulation shall be limited as follows:

PASTURE	USE OF ACTIVE PREPERENCE (AUMS)
Strawberry NW	701
Strawberry SW	460
Strawberry NE	349
Strawberry SE	621
SUBTOTAL	2131
Griswold NW	479
Griswold SW	504
Griswold NE	449
Griswold SE	552
SUBTOTAL	1984
Newark #1	292
Newark #2	150
SUBTOTAL	442

Huntington #1	294
Huntington #2	90
Huntington #3	291
Huntington #4	405
SUBTOTAL	1080
Diamond #1	241
Diamond #2	274
Diamond #3	403
Diamond #4	292
SUBTOTAL	1210
TOTAL ACTIVE AUMS OF USE	6847 (Cattle Use)
TOTAL VOLUNTARY NON-USE	2282 (Cattle Use)

Seasons of Use will be the same as those shown in the Decision dated January 23, 1992.

At the end of the second grazing year (February 1996), the allotment will be re-evaluated to determine if management objectives are being met. If objectives are being met, grazing use will continue at the above levels. If objectives are not being met, a new decision will be implemented March 1, 1997.

- (2A) The Bureau will consider the proposals for additional water developments and/or maintenance of existing projects in the Griswold unit if funded solely by the permittee.
- (2B) The Bureau will investigate the perceived problem caused by ingress and egress to the seedings by wild horses caused by individuals leaving gates open. The Bureau will review and, if appropriate, place signs in the area and/or suggest the closure of roads. The Permittee agrees to increase management to help alleviate the above problem.
- (3) The Bureau is committed to achieving and maintaining appropriate management levels of wild horses in the Cold Creek Allotment within the constraints of the wild horse program. Upon settlement of the Cold Creek grazing decision, the Bureau's intent is to issue, within a year of signing this agreement, removal plans in the appropriate HMA's as full force and effect decisions, and further issue removal plans in a similar fashion to remove all horses from existing horse free areas, including, but not limited to, the Strawberry seedings, the Griswold seedings, the Newark seedings, the Diamond pastures, and Huntington Pasture \$4.

# (4) General Provisions

- (A) It is the intent of the parties that this agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to any successor in interest pending a new decision, if any.
- (B) 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 conclusion drawn therefrom are justified.

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