

# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Caliente Resource Area P.O. Box 237 Caliente, Nevada 89008



10-15-93

IN REPLY REFER TO:

In Reply Refer To: 4160 Lewis, Bob Grazing Case File (NV-055.10)

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CERTIFIED MAIL NUMBER P998558371 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

#### **FULL FORCE & EFFECT DECISION**

Bob Lewis P. O. Box 520 Moapa, NV 89025

Dear Mr. Lewis;

Between July 28 and August 7, 1993, the Meadow and Pass wildland fires burned a total of 27,186 acres of public land in the Meadow Valley Mountains and adjacent areas. Of this total acreage burned, 20,760 acres of public land were burned within the Henrie Complex allotment.

In accordance with the **Notice of Closure** signed by the Las Vegas District Manager on October 5, 1993 the burn area within the Henrie Complex allotment is closed to all livestock grazing for a minimum period of two years and/or until the natural rehabilitation objectives have been met. The closure area for the Henrie Complex allotment is delineated in **Attachment 1**.

The Caliente Resource Area initiated a Fire Rehabilitation team immediately following containment of the July 28, 1993 Meadow fire. This team conducted on site investigations to determine the significance of the two fires in relation to the vegetative and soil resources. The team developed management recommendations for protection of the natural resources and analyzed the impacts of these recommendations in Environmental Assessment (EA) (#NV-055-93-29). On September 29, 1993 I signed a Finding of No Significant Impact and Record of Decision to implement Alternative #1 - Natural Revegetation with Controlled Livestock Grazing.

On September 8, 1993 my staff and I discussed with you implications of these wildland fires and what livestock management options were available to assure the natural revegetation of the burned areas in the Henrie Complex allotment. Consideration was given all reasonable options and discussed in EA #NV-055-93-29.

The Notice of Closure to all livestock grazing use in the Meadow and Pass Fire Closure Area was signed by the Last Vegas District Manager and issued as a Final Decision in Full Force and Effect pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Sections 4110.3-3 (c) and 4160.3 (c) on October 5, 1993. This Notice of Closure was mailed to you on October 7, 1993. The purpose of this closure is to protect the soil resources and allow rehabilitation of vegetative resources to occur within the burn area.

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the impacts of these fires on the Meadow Valley Mountain wild horse herds habitat. These documents were approved by the Acting District Manager on September 28, 1993. A Full Force and Effect decision to conduct the Meadow Valley HMA Emergency Removal was also issued on September 28, 1993. Two hundred sixty-nine (269) wild horses, burros, and mules were removed from the herd management area and adjacent horse free areas to provide for the natural revegetation of the burn area during the two year closure period.

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Your ten year Federal Grazing Permit for the Henrie Complex allotment will be modified,

#### FROM:

#### EXISTING FEDERAL GRAZING PERMIT

03/01/92 - 02/28/2002

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ALLOTMENT NAME	NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK	KIND OF LIVESTOCK	BEGIN DATE	END DATE	PERCENT PEDERAL LAND	ACTIVE PREFERENCE
HENRIE COMPLEX	81	CATTLE	03/01	02/28	100	975

The specific Terms and Conditions identified in my decision dated January 31, 1992 for the Henrie Complex allotment and attached to your Federal Grazing Permit for signature after approval of the Henry Rice/Robert Lewis grazing privilege transfer remain unchanged (Attachment 2).

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HENRIE COMPLEX		CATTLE	03/01	02/28	100	-	98

The additional Specific Terms and Conditions and temporary reduction in active preference AUMs, relating to the closure of the Meadow and Pass fire burn areas to livestock grazing within the Henrie Complex allotment are as follows:

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# SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE MEADOW AND PASS FIRE CLOSURE AREA

- 1. These Meadow and Pass Fire Closure Area Specific Terms and Conditions shall remain in effect for a minimum of two years, beginning October 15, 1993 and continue until monitoring indicates resource objectives for the burn area have been attained.
- 98 AUMs shall be held in temporary suspended preference for the duration of the closure period.
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The frequency of occurrence of key perennial species, identified in Table 1., shall be equal to or greater than the 1993 pre-burn frequency values. The age class of key perennial species sampled shall be mature plants, 2 years or older, in order to insure plant establishment and improved rehabilitative conditions.

Key Area Number	Key Perennial Species	1993 Pre-Burn Percent Frequency Values	Desired Percent Frequency	
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- 6. Should these practices fail to keep livestock from the area of closure, livestock shall be removed from the allotment immediately. The total closure of the Henrie Complex Allotment to grazing in order to insure protection of the burn area will be implemented by the Bureau of Land Management under the authority of this decision.

The authority for this decision is contained in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which states in pertinent parts:

4110.3-2 (a): "Active use may be suspended in whole or part on a temporary basis due to drought, fire, other natural causes, or to facilitate installation, maintenance, or modification of range improvements.

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In addition, authority for this full force and effect decision is also contained in Title 43 CFR, which states in pertinent parts:

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4160.3 (c): "The authorized officer may place the final decision in full force and effect in an emergency to stop resource deterioration. Full force and effect decisions shall take effect on the date specified, regardless of an appeal".

If you wish to appeal this decision for the purpose of a hearing before a Administrative Law Judge, in accordance with 43 CFR 4160.3 (c), 4160.4, and 4.470, you are allowed thirty (30) days from receipt of this notice within which to file an appeal with the Caliente Resource Area Manager at the following address: Caliente Resource Area, Attn. Area Manager, P. O. Box 237, Caliente, NV 89008.

The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, as to why you think this Final Decision is in error.

Sincerely,

Curtis G. Tucker

Area Manager

#### Attachments:

#1 - Henrie Complex Allotment Burn Closure Area and

Water Access Control Locations (1 pp) #2 - Terms and Conditions of Decision issued January 31, 1992 (5 pp)

#3 - Monitoring Data Collection Methodologies (10 pp)

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HENRIE COMPLEX	281	CATTLE	03/01	02/28	85	2866	
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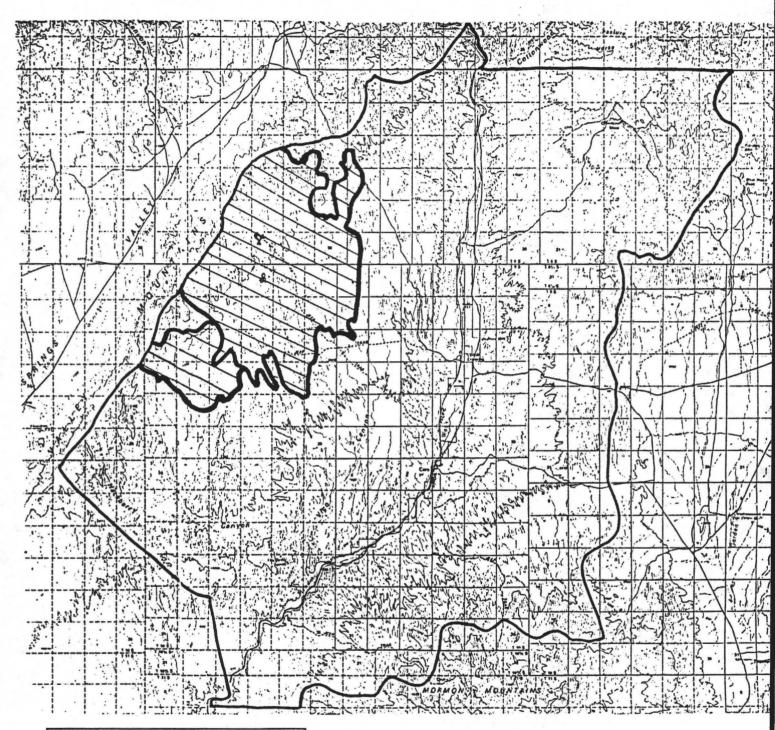
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# ATTACHMENT #1 Henrie Complex Allotment Burn Closure Area and Water Access Control Locations



# LEGEND Allotment Boundary: Burn Closure: Averett Reservoir: Hidden Spring:

#### ATTACHMENT #2

#### SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE NEW FEDERAL GRAZING PERMIT

#### Henrie Complex Allotment

- Grazing will be permitted in accordance with grazing 1. Prescriptions 1 and 2 identified in the Opinion as amended.
- 2. Grazing prescription areas within your allotment are delineated on Attachment 2, titled Henrie Complex Allotment Map.
- 3. Livestock grazing use shall be authorized in the Henrie Complex allotment 06/15 through 02/28 in Prescription 1 and 03/01 through 02/28 in the Prescription 2 area and Non-Prescription area as identified in the following table and Attachment 2.

#### SPECIFIC USE AREAS AND IDENTIFIED PERIODS OF USE

PRESCRIPTION AREAS <sup>1</sup>	SEASON BEGIN DATE	OF USE END DATE
Prescription 1 2	06/15	02/28
Prescription 2 3/	03/01	02/28
Non-Prescription	03/01	02/28

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Attachment 2.

- 4. All vehicle use in desert tortoise habitat within the Henrie Complex allotment shall be restricted to existing roads and trails.
- 5. Trash and garbage shall be removed from each camp site that is associated with livestock grazing operations (branding, sheep herding, roundup, etc.) and disposed of off site in a designated facility. No trash or garbage shall be buried at camp sites.
- 6. Use of hay or grains as a feeding supplemental shall be prohibited in desert tortoise habitat to avoid the introduction of non-native plant species. Mineral, protein and salt blocks are authorized subject to 43 CFR section 4130.6-2(c).
- 7. The allotment shall include at a minimum the following key species for monitoring purposes where appropriate based upon density and availability: galleta grass (Hilaria jamesii) and (H. rigida), bush muhly (Muhlenbergia porteri), sand dropseed (Sporobolus cryptandrus), Indian ricegrass (Oryzopsis hymenoides), (Sporobolus black grama (Bouteloua eriopoda), desert needlegrass (Stipa speciosa), range ratany (Krameria parvifolia),

Prescription 1, Tortoise Habitat Categories I, II, and Intensive III.
Prescription 2, Tortoise Habitat Category III non-intensive.

- ephedra (Ephedra spp.), white burrobrush (Hymenoclea salsola) and winterfat (Eurotia lanata).
- 8. The following table identifies key areas, species and the maximum allowable use levels for specified periods of livestock grazing use, which shall be used at a minimum for monitoring purposes within Prescription 1 and 2 areas in the Henrie Complex allotment. As additional key species and or key areas are determined necessary for monitoring purposes, maximum allowable use levels will be established based upon the conditions as set forth in the Opinion for Prescription 1 and/or 2 areas.

EXISTING KEY AREAS, SPECIES AND ALLOWABLE USE LEVELS

KEY AREA &	KEY SPECIES	PRESCRIPTION 2		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION		10/15 TO 02/28	03/01 TO 10/14	
1 T.10S., R.66E., Sec.6 (M-W)	Big galleta grass Nevada ephedra	<50% <45%	≤40% ≤40%	

9. The following table identifies the maximum allowable use levels for specified periods of livestock grazing use, which shall be used at a minimum for monitoring purposes within Prescription 1 and/or 2 areas.

ALLOTMENT NAME	PRESCRIPTION	ALLOWABLE USE LEVELS AND USE PERIODS PER GRAZING PRESCRIPTION					
HENRIE COMPLEX	PRESCRIPTION	06/15 - 10/14	10/15 - 02/28	03/01 - 06/14			
		All Perennial Species - <40%	Key Perennial Grasses - <50% Key Perennial Shrubs and Forbs - <40%	No livestock use will be allowed during this period.			
	PRESCRIPTION	06/15 - 10/14	10/15 - 02/28	03/01 - 06/14			
	2	All Perennial Species - <u>4</u> 0%	Key perennial grasses - ≤ 50% Key perennial shrubs & forbs - < 45%	All Perennial Species - <u>≤</u> 40%			

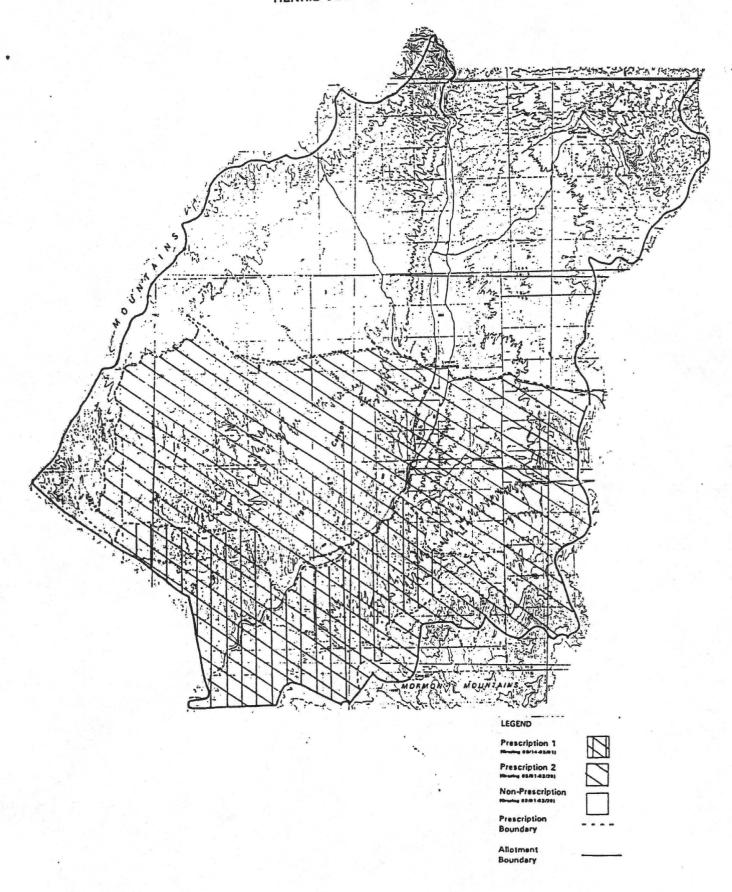
- 10. When the allowable use levels are reached for the Prescription 1 and/or 2 areas, the livestock must be removed from the allotment unless other management alternatives are authorized by the Caliente Resource Area Manager that are consistent with the Opinion and this decision.
- 11. Adequate livestock control must be provided by existing range improvements within the Henrie Complex allotment to prevent livestock from continually migrating into the Prescription 1 area during the period 03/01 through 06/14. If livestock continually migrate into the Prescription 1 area, the entire allotment will be required to be managed under Prescription 1 until range improvements become available to stop such action.

- 12. By March 1, 1993 all cattle (six months of age or older at turn out) will be required to be ear tagged by you with BLM issued ear tags. Additionally, you are required to submit a list of ear tag numbered cattle turned out/authorized on the Henrie Complex allotment. The list must be submitted to the Caliente Resource Area office within seven (7) days of turn out. At the end of the authorized grazing period, any ear tag numbers not accounted for, shall be reported to the Caliente Resource Area office within 15 days.
  - a. Since your operation is of a year round nature and it would be difficult to ear tag all cattle prior to the March 1, 1992 date, I have extended the date to ear tag all your cattle to March 1, 1993. In order to assure adequate cattle control is provided to prevent cattle from continually migrating into the Prescription 1 area, all cattle found in the Prescription 1 area during the period 03/01/92 through 06/14/92 shall be ear tagged by you with a BLM ear tag. Terms and Conditions number 15 and 16 will then be followed.
- 13. You are required to remove and return to the Caliente Resource Area office all BLM issued ear tags of cattle shipped/sold. This must be done prior to being issued replacement tags.
- 14. Replacement tags for brush loss, unfound death loss, or other unexplained losses will be issued on a case by case basis at the determination of the Caliente Resource Area Manager.
- 15. Any livestock found in the Prescription 1 area during the period of 03/01 through 06/14 shall be relocated to the Prescription 2 and/or Non-Prescription area within 72 hours. The ear tag numbers of any cattle found in the Prescription 1 area during the period 03/01 through 06/14 shall be recorded and submitted in writing to the Caliente Resource Area office within five (5) days of being observed.
- 16. Any livestock found in the Prescription 1 area during the period of 03/01 through 06/14 and which were previously recorded and relocated to the Prescription 2 and/or Non-Prescription area shall be removed from the Henrie Complex allotment within 72 hours of being observed.
- 17. Applications for changes in grazing use must be in written form and be received by the Caliente Resource Area office no later than 15 days prior to the desired date of change.
- 18. Applications for changes in grazing use filed after a billing notice has been issued, and which require the issuance of a replacement bill or supplemental bill shall be subject to a ten (10) dollar service charge.
- 19. Grazing Applications will be issued on a yearly basis showing all grazing use as active by Prescription 1, 2 and/or Non-Prescription areas. If you desire to take all or partial non-use for the grazing year, you must indicate this in writing on your Grazing Application, along with your reason(s).

20. A statement of Actual Grazing Use made on the Henrie Complex allotment by grazing Prescription area, 1, 2 and/or Non-Prescription areas must be received in the Caliente Resource Area office no later than 15 days after the last day of authorized grazing use. In the case of year round grazing, this Actual Grazing Use statement must be received in the Caliente Resource Area office no later than March 15th of each year.

# ATTACHMENT 2

HENRIE COMPLEX ALLOTMENT



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/4160 Grazing Case Files Olson, Lewis (NV-055.01)

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Dear Affected Interest:

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It was determined through Environmental Assessment (NV-055-93-29) that the condition of the area was adversely affected and that a temporary closure of the area to domestic livestock was necessary. A Full Force and Effect Grazing Decision was issued October 5, 1993 to five livestock permittees implementing closure of the burn areas through controlled grazing. Since that time a determination was made to rescind those October 5, 1993 decisions that pertain to the Henrie Complex allotment (Kevin Olson and Robert Lewis). A new decision is being issued to Kevin Olson and Robert Lewis implementing closure of the burn areas through fencing.

These new grazing decisions are provided for your information. Please note, only one copy of the Attachment 3 is included with these two decisions in order to reduce paper. Attachment 3 is identical for the two decisions. If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

CURTIS G. TUCKER

Curtis G. Tucker Area Manager

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Enclosures: Grazing Decisions

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December 28, 1993

Curtis G. Tucker, Area Manager BLM-Caliente Resource Area Box 237 Caliente, Nevada 89008

RE: Grazing Decisions for Henrie Complex, Boulder Spring, and Lower Riggs Allotments

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