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Bertrand Paris and Sons  
c/o Wendy Paris  
HC 33 Box 33840  
Ely, Nevada 89301

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Dear Mrs. Paris:

The Bureau of Land Management is currently taking actions required to process the renewal your permit/lease. I propose to offer you a term permit for the **Medicine Butte Allotment**, Goshute Basin Allotment, Jakes Unit Trail and Preston Lund Trail. This new permit supersedes the grazing rider term permit issued July, 23, 1999, as mandated by Section 124 of Public Law 105-277 (Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act) which will expire on September 30, 1999 (the Pub. L. 105-277 permit).

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 Medicine Butte Allotment, Goshute Basin Allotment, Jakes Unit Trail and Preston Lund Trail.

You meet all of the qualifications for a 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.

The terms and conditions outlined in the enclosed acceptance form for the Goshute Basin Allotment, Jakes Unit Trail and Preston Lund Trail are those which have historically appeared on previous annual licenses and permit authorizing grazing use in these allotments. The terms and conditions outlined in the enclosed acceptance form for the Medicine Butte Allotment are those that conform with the Final Multiple Use Decision issued February 1992 for the Medicine Butte Allotment. The terms and conditions outlined are also consistent with the Egan Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement and the subsequent Record of Decision.

An Environmental Assessment has been completed for issuance of this proposed term permit. The proposed grazing use is within the array of options identified for the alternatives and proposed action as analyzed in the Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

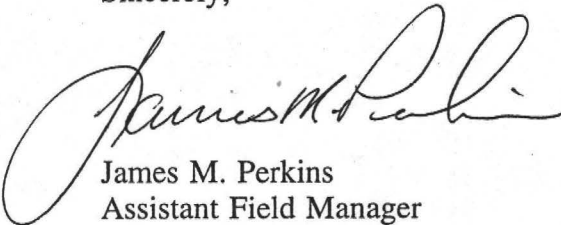
Portions of three wild horse herd management areas (HMAs) lie within the boundaries of the Medicine Butte Allotment. They are the Butte HMA, the Buck and Bald HMA, and the Cherry Creek HMA. The Goshute Basin Allotment lies within the boundary of the Cherry Creek Wild Horse HMA.

If we propose to change the terms and conditions of this grazing permit, following the comment period, we will keep you and other interested parties informed. If we determine that it is necessary to offer you this permit via proposed decision, it will be sent to the interested public and will include a 15-day period for protest and a 30-day period for appeal.

The interested public is being asked to provide comments by September 20, 1999. Any comments should be sent, in writing, to James M. Perkins, Assistant Field Manager-Renewable Resources, at the above address.

If you have any questions, please contact John Longinetti, Range Management Specialist, at (775) 289-1887. 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,



James M. Perkins  
Assistant Field Manager  
Renewable Resources

1 Enclosure

1. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions Offer

cc: Nevada State Clearinghouse  
Ms. Cathy Barcomb, Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses  
Mr. Duane Erickson, NDOW  
Mr. Curt Baughman, NDOW  
Mr. Mike Podborny, NDOW  
White Pine County Commissioners  
Nevada Cattlemen's Association  
Mr. John McLain, RCI  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Mr. Glenn Terry  
Ms. Laurel Etchegary, Nevada Woolgrower's Association

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
AND  
REQUEST FOR GRAZING PERMIT

I, Wendy Paris, agree to accept the terms and conditions listed below and request that I be offered a grazing permit to graze the allotments in which I have a grazing preference.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

A. Medicine Butte Allotment (0501):

1. Permitted use on the Medicine Butte Allotment is 7,232 AUMs of which 3,557 AUMS are cattle use and 3,675 AUMs are sheep use. This is in conformance with the Medicine Butte Allotment Final Multiple Use Decision (FMUD) issued February 1992. Also, the following terms and conditions were stipulated in the FMUD:

2. The season of use in the Hunter Point Use Area is April 15 to November 15 for sheep and November 1 to February 28 for cattle. Permitted use is 473 AUMs for cattle and 681 AUMs for sheep.

3. The season of use in the Telegraph Use Area is April 15 to November 15 for sheep. Permitted use is 1,330 AUMs for sheep.

4. The season of use in the Snow Creek Seedings is April 15 to November 15 for sheep and April 15 to February 28 for cattle and/or domestic horses. Permitted use in the North Seeding is 401 AUMs for cattle and 44 AUMs for sheep. Permitted use in the South Seeding is 476 AUMs for cattle and 20 AUMs for sheep. Permitted use in the West Seeding is 257 AUMs for cattle and no AUMs for sheep. A domestic horse preference of 180 AUMs can be substituted for an equal amount of sheep and/or cattle AUMs in all of the Snow Creek Seedings combined.

5. Season of use in the Pony Mountain Use Area (including Paris Seeding) is April 15 to November 15 for sheep. Permitted use is 906 AUMs for sheep.

6. The season of use in the Butte Valléy Use Area is April 15 to November 15 for sheep and March 1 to February 28 for cattle. Permitted use is 820 AUMs for cattle and 481 AUMs for sheep.

7. The season of use in the Slough Use Area is May 1 to February 28 for cattle. Permitted use is 1,130 AUMs for cattle.

8. Season of use in the Black Mountain/Black Canyon Use Area is April 15 to November 15 for sheep. Permitted use is 213 AUMs for sheep.

9. Sheep trailing through the Thirty Mile Spring Allotment (0503) and the South Butte Allotment (0504) during the spring and fall will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the certified letter dated May 26, 1994 (see letter and map in case file).

B. Goshute Basin Allotment (0402)

1. Permitted use on the Goshute Basin Allotment is 534 AUMs of sheep use. The season of use is July 1 to October 15.

C. Preston Lund Trail (0822)

1. Permitted use on the Preston Lund Trail is 410 AUMs of sheep use.

D. Jakes Unit Trail (0821)

1. Permitted use on the Jakes Unit Trail is 366 AUMs of sheep use.

General:

1. Signed actual use statements for the period 3/1 to 2/28 are due yearly by 3/31. Issuance of grazing licenses is dependent upon receipt of actual use.

2. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g) the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the 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."

3. Grazing use will be in accordance with the Northeastern Great Basin Area Standards and Guidelines for grazing administration as developed by Northeastern 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.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Wendy Pais*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8-25-99