



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Ely District Office
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, Nevada 89301-9408

4130 (NV-042)
Case File # 274560



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Dear Interested Public:

On July 16, 1997 Mr. Luther Wise and Wiseco, Inc. applied for a transfer of the total number of animal unit months of specified livestock grazing from Mr. Augustine Rapone to him for sheep grazing privileges on the Duckwater Allotment. Mr. Wise has purchased the Fish Creek Ranch base property from Mr. Rapone. This property is located in Eureka County and serves as the base property for the following federal livestock (sheep) grazing privileges administered by the Ely Field Office:

(0701) Duckwater Allotment - 2,814 AUMs (active)

Wiseco, Inc. meets all of the qualifications for a grazing permittee outlined in 43 CFR 4110.1. A term livestock grazing permit will be issued upon final approval of this transfer and will comply with the regulations outlined in 43 CFR 4110.2-1 and 4110.2-2.

The terms and conditions outlined in the term grazing permit, specific to the Duckwater Allotment, were developed through consultation, cooperation, and coordination with the interested public during the allotment evaluation process. The terms and conditions are consistent with the Duckwater Full Force and Effect Final Multiple Use Decision dated June 9, 1995.

I am proposing to approve this transfer; however, prior to approval and the subsequent issuance of a new term permit, should you have any information, data, etc. that you would like to provide please do so prior to Friday, September 5, 1997. Any comments in writing should be sent to the Ely District BLM, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301.

The terms and conditions and the impacts of livestock grazing under these terms and conditions are consistent with and have been analyzed in the Egan Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

The Sand Springs East and Monte Cristo Wild Horse Herd Management Areas (HMAs) are located within that portion of the Duckwater Allotment permitted for Wiseco, Inc. sheep grazing privileges.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Lowrie at (702) 289-1888.

Sincerely,

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