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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Caliente Resource Area Office**

Ely
P.O. Box 237
Caliente, Nevada 89008

In Reply Refer To:

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Pennsylvania Case File
(NV-045.02)

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Dear Interested Public:

I am considering a Temporary Nonrenewable Use (TNR) request by 7J Ranch for the Pennsylvania allotment. The 7J Ranch made application for TNR grazing use for 150 cattle, for the period March 1 to April 30, 1998. Livestock grazing is authorized on the allotment for 97 cattle for the period May 1 to October 31. Authorization of this request is under Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 4130.6-2 (Nonrenewable grazing permits and leases).

The allotment has not been inspected, as spring growth is not yet occurring. However, an inspection will occur on the February 27, prior to any livestock turnout. The permittees wish to take advantage of the spring flush of annual grasses. The riparian areas and side canyons to the east of Meadow Valley Wash were used from March 1 to April 30, 1997 by 28 cattle. Utilization on perennial grasses was not measurable in the summer of 1997. Research has shown that spring grazing followed by summer rest is generally not detrimental to riparian areas. If livestock move to the uplands, they will be utilizing dry forage from the previous year's growth. Field observations from 1997 indicate that multiple use objectives are currently being met.

Based on the information provided above, I am considering approval of the TNR request. If you have any questions on this action, please contact Ann Dernburg, of my staff, at (702) 726-8100. If you have any comments, information, data, etc. that you would like to provide please send them in writing by February 27, 1998 to the following address: Bureau of Land Management, Ely District, Attn. Paul Podborny, Assistant District Manager for Renewable Resources, H.C. 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408. If approved, grazing use will be authorized following a review of all public response to this letter.

Sincerely,

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Resources

CC: 7J Ranch

Ms. Cathy Barcomb, Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses

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