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Dear Interested Public:

I am considering temporary nonrenewable use (TNR) grazing requests by Sterling Wines and Herb Stathes for the South Egan Seeding within the Cherry Creek Allotment (0403) for fall/winter use. Authorization for this request is under Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 4130.6-2 (Nonrenewable grazing permits and lease). Mr. Wines leases base property for his grazing permit on the Cherry Creek Allotment. Mr. Stathes owns the base property for his grazing permit on the allotment. Both permittees are in good standing and meet all mandatory qualifications. The South Egan Seeding is grazed in common by three permittees; Kitt Lear, Sterling Wines, and Herb Stathes. The seeding is on a rotation grazing schedule. During odd years the seeding is grazed in spring, while in even years the seeding is grazed in fall. The authorized cattle grazing use within the seeding as per the Ten Year Grazing Permits for the three permittees is as follows:

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Period of Use</u>	<u>AUMs</u>
Kitt Lear	100	5/1 - 2/28	235
Herb Stathes	50	5/1 - 2/28	52
Sterling Wines	50	5/1 - 2/28	47

Mr. Wines and Shane Ransom for Mr. Stathes both applied for the temporary nonrenewable grazing use on 10/24/00. The grazing use applied for is as follows:

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Period of Use</u>	<u>TNR AUMs</u>
Sterling Wines	47	11/27 - 12/31	54
Herb Stathes	44	11/19 - 12/31	62
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Mr. Wines and Mr. Stathes have licensed their normal grazing authorization of 48 and 52 AUMs respectively during the months of October and November, prior to the start dates for TNR use. The South Egan Seeding was not grazed during the spring or summer of 2000.

On August 29 and October 12, 2000 surveys of range conditions along with utilization transects were conducted in the South Egan Seeding. The range studies determined that sufficient forage was available to support the authorization of the temporary nonrenewable grazing requests for the fall/winter of 2000. The seeding is in good condition and seeding utilization objectives are being met. Crested wheatgrass plants are in good cured vigor and young plants are common. Water hauling will be required to distribute both of the applicant's cattle.

This TNR use is consistent with Standards for grazing administration, multiple use objectives, and does not interfere with existing livestock operations on the public lands. The South Egan Seeding is located within the Butte Wild Horse Herd Management Area (HMA), but wild horses do not have access to the fenced seeding.

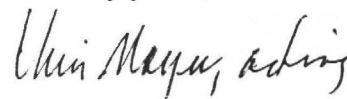
A prescribed burn was conducted in the South Egan Seeding during the fall of 1996. Since the burn, licensed grazing use has taken place during the spring and fall of 1999 and the fall of 2000. The final evaluation for the Cherry Creek Allotment (August, 2000) indicates a need to rest native range and shift cattle use to the crested wheatgrass seedings within the allotment. The final evaluation also recommends increasing the forage allocation to the seeding by 300 AUMs (100 AUMs for each permittee authorized to graze the seeding).

Based on the above information, I am considering approval of the nonrenewable grazing use requests. If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Mark Lowrie of my staff, at (775) 289-1888.

If you have any comments, please send them in writing by November 17 to James Perkins, Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources, at the following address:

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Sincerely yours,



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