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Caliente Resource Area Office**

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Uvada Case File
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Dear Interested Public:

I am considering a Temporary Nonrenewable Use (TNR) request by Mr. Kenneth Lee for the Uvada Allotment. Mr. Lee made application for TNR grazing use for 60 cows, from September 9 to October 10, 1997. Authorization of this request is under Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 4130.6-2 (Nonrenewable grazing permits and leases).

The allotment was inspected to determine if sufficient forage was still available to support authorization of this request and to document the current utilization levels at the identified key areas within the allotment. The following information was collected during the monitoring tour:

Utilization at key area # 1, in the north pasture was moderate on crested wheat. Use at Uvada reservoir, which is still in the North pasture, was light. A large amount of regrowth has occurred in this pasture due to early August rain showers.

Utilization was heavy in the immediate vicinity of the South Pasture well, but decreased significantly within 1000 feet of the well. Crested wheat on the edges of the seeding was used only slightly. Slight use occurred on the native grasses (needleandthread grass, Indian ricegrass, gramma grasses, bottlebrush squirreltail, and galleta) at key area # 3, on the slopes adjacent to the seeding. Furthermore, no measurable use occurred in 1996 on these native species.

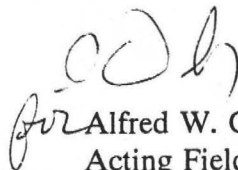
Mr. Lee proposes to use essentially the South pasture. He may allow cows onto the North pasture once weaning has occurred. The key forage species exhibit good plant vigor, species diversity, and production (annual growth). Short term utilization objectives for this allotment are being met based on the documented use levels.

Results of the field observations indicate that sufficient temporary forage is available within the allotment to authorize the nonrenewable grazing use (TNR) applied for in the grazing application. This use is consistent with multiple-use objectives.

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, please send them in writing within 15 days of receipt of this letter, to the Caliente Field Station Manager at the following address: Bureau of Land Management, Caliente Field Station, Attn. Field Station Manager, P.O. Box 237, Caliente, NV 89008.

Sincerely,



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