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In Reply Refer To: 4130 (NV-012)

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Kay and Mary Kay Lear HC 33 Box 33865 Ely, NV 89301

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lear:

On March 11, 1999, you submitted a deed for base property attached to the Cottonwood Unit of the Currie Allotment. This is a change in base property description from a lease to a deed. (see the enclosed map for the allotment locations). Based on the application, we propose to offer a term grazing permit. The term of this permit will be from April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2009.

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 anyone who has expressed an interest in the Currie Allotment. The interested public is being asked to provide comment by April 16, 1999. You will be notified of any changes to terms and conditions that may be warranted as a result of comments received.

The Currie Allotment is within the Antelope Valley Wild Horse Herd Management Area.

If we propose to change the terms and conditions following the comment period, we will keep you and the other interested parties informed. Following the comment period, we will also decide if a proposed decision to offer you a term grazing permit will be needed. If a proposed decision is necessary, it will be sent to the interested public and will include a 15-day period for protest and a 30-day period for appeal after the decision has become final.

The terms and conditions outlined are consistent with the Wells Resource Management Plan and have been analyzed in the Wells Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Bruce Thompson, the assigned Rangeland Management Specialist at (702) 753-0200. 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,

Ron Price, for

CLINTON R. OKE, Assistant Field Office, Manager Renewable Resources

Enclosure(s): As stated above

cc: Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses Wild Horse Organized Assistance Louise Lear Indian Creek Ranch Nevada Cattlemen's Assn. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Resource Concepts, Inc. Nevada Division of Wildlife Elko Board of Co. Commissioners

## ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS and REQUEST FOR GRAZING PERMIT

We, Kay and Mary Kay Lear, agree to accept the Terms & Conditions listed below and request that we be offered a Grazing Permit to graze the allotment in which we have a grazing preference.

Allotment Currie Allotment	Livestock Number & Kind	Begin Period	End Period	% PL	Type Use	AUMs
Cottonwood Unit	12 Horse	03/01	02/28	96	Active	138
	222 cattle	04/15	06/30	96	Active	540
	240 cattle	07/01	10/14	96	Active	803
	325 cattle	10/15	11/30	96	Active	482
	269	12/01	02/28	96	Active	764
Total Cottonwood Unit of the Currie Allotment						2,727

## **Proposed Terms & Conditions**

Terms and Conditions:

There are 844 historic suspended AUMs attached to this grazing permit.

Grazing will be in accordance with the Currie Allotment Management Plan signed January 20, 1987.

Actual use data on all pastures must be submitted to this office within 15 days from the last day of use.

Pursuant 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 items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. 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.

The terms and conditions of your permit may be modified if additional information indicates that revision is necessary to conform to 43 CFR 4180.

Supplemental feeding is limited to salt, mineral, and/or protein supplements in block, granular, or liquid form. Such supplements must be placed at least <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile from live waters (springs and streams), troughs, wet or dry meadows, and aspen stands.

All riparian exclosures, including spring development exclosures, are closed to livestock use unless specifically authorized in writing.

Payment of grazing fees is due on or before the due date specified on the grazing bill. Failure to pay the grazing bill within 15 days of the due date specified on the bill shall result in a late fee assessment of \$25.00 or 10 percent of the grazing bill, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$250.00.

The term of this permit would be from April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2009.

Signed:

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

