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Longhorn Cattle Co. Case File

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Dear Interested Public:

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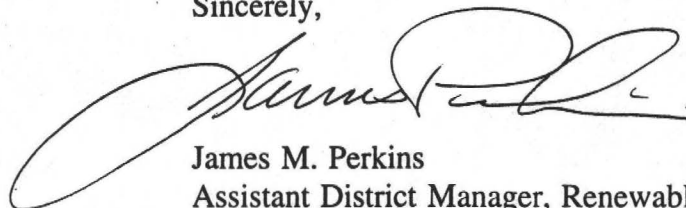
The Rainbow Ranch fire caused by lightning, began on May 29, 1999 and burned approximately 2,340 acres of public lands near Elgin in south Lincoln County, Nevada (see enclosed map). The fire occurred on the Schlarman and Rainbow grazing allotments and affected portions of the Meadow Valley Mountains and Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Areas (HMA).

The burned area will rehabilitate with the application of a native/non-native seed mixture to maintain site stability and re-establish vegetation. This action will minimize soil erosion, off-site sediment loads, protect on-site productivity, enhance watershed characteristics and reduce potential for invasion by highly flammable plants and noxious weeds. In order to maximize recovery of the burned area, it will be closed to livestock grazing for a minimum of two growing seasons. An emergency removal of wild horses is not necessary at this time. If wild horses adversely impact the rehabilitated areas, an emergency removal will be proposed.

Grazing on the Rainbow Allotment is permitted on a year-round basis. The Schlarman Allotment is permitted from November 1 to April 30. Closure agreements are being formulated between the BLM and the permittees on these allotments. No livestock will be permitted to graze the burn for the duration of the closure. You are invited to review this closure and submit comments to the BLM at the address above. Comments should be received by the BLM by **August 16, 1999**.

If you would prefer to discuss this matter with us, please contact Shirley Christman-Johnson at (775) 726-8100 or Gary Medlyn at (775) 289-1800.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:  
Fire Map

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Nevada Cattlemen's Association  
Resource Concepts, Inc.  
UNR Co-op Extension  
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**RAINBOW RANCH FIRE (K216)**  
May 29-June 5, 1999

Fire Closure Area..... 

