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Dear Interested Public:

I am considering a Temporary Nonrenewable Use (TNR) request by Mr. Gail Norman, of Pleasant Valley Enterprises, for the Mallory Springs Allotment. Authorization of this request is under Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 4130.6-2 (Nonrenewable grazing permits and leases).

The period of use applied for is during the fall dormant period for the vegetation communities. The grazing use authorized to date and the grazing use applied for in the grazing application are as follows:

Current Authorized Use:

<u>Number and Kind of Livestock</u>	<u>Period of Use</u>	<u>Type of Use</u>	<u>AUMs</u>
420 Sheep	03/01 to 05/31	Non-use	254
50 Cattle	06/01 to 09/24	Active	191
416 Sheep	09/01 to 02/28	Non-use	495

TNR Grazing Application:

<u>Number and Kind of Livestock</u>	<u>Period of Use</u>	<u>Type of Use</u>	<u>AUMs</u>
50 Cattle	10/03 to 11/24	TNR	88

On August 30, 2001 the native range was inspected to determine if sufficient forage was available to support the authorization of the request and to document the current utilization levels within the allotment. The following information was collected during the monitoring tour:

Utilization levels at key area MS01 (T. 21 N., R. 70 E., Sec. 9 SWSW) were 26% on ORHY, 28% on STIPA and 12% on POSE.

Utilization levels at (T. 21 N., R. 70 E., Sec. 20 NWNE) were 15% on ORHY and 10% on POSE.

The allotment is in good condition based on observed vigor of the plant species present, species diversity, and the production (annual growth) observed. Short term utilization objectives for this allotment are being met based on the documented use levels. All key forage species in the allotment are in good overall condition (vigor) and allotment objectives are being met.

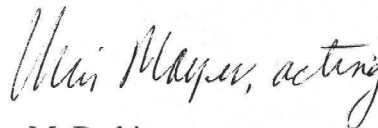
Results of the field observations indicate that sufficient forage is available within the allotment to authorize the temporary nonrenewable (TNR) grazing use applied for in the grazing application. This use is consistent with multiple-use objectives and does not interfere with existing livestock operations on the public lands.

Mallory Springs Allotment is located within the ~~Moriah Herd Management Area~~. Census data indicates low and infrequent wild horse use in the allotment. Wild horses do not appear to be dependent upon the forage and forage will be available to support the wild horse herd if TNR is authorized. No wild horse sign was noted during an allotment inspection August 30, 2001. Wild horses are not concentrated in the area, they occasionally use either the north or south sides of the allotment high on the benches and mountain tops. There have been no recent gathers in this herd management area. Census data for the Mallory Springs Allotment: August 18, 1998: 0 adults 0 foals; June 5, 1997: 0 adults 0 foals; August 30, 1994: 3 adults 1 foal; May 11, 1993: 6 adults 1 foal; August 30, 1992: 0 adults 0 foals; March 14, 1990: 0 adults 0 foals; March 14 1988: 0 adults 0 foals.

Based on the information provided above, I am considering approval of the nonrenewable grazing use request. If you have any questions on this action, please contact Brett Covlin, Rangeland Management Specialist, or Chris Mayer, Lead Rangeland Management Specialist, of my staff at (775)-289-1800.

If you have any comments, please send them in writing by October 2, 2001 to the Renewable Resources Assistant Field Manager at the following address: Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office, Attn: Renewable Resources Assistant Field Manager, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely Nevada 89301-9401.

Sincerely,



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