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Andrew F. Jackson
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Dear Mr. Jackson:

On May 24, 1993, Arn Berglund and Leigh Redick met with you, Andrea, and Grover to discuss the current situation in the Buffalo Hills and Dolly Varden pastures of the Buffalo Hills Allotment. The following summary is to confirm the results of this meeting.

The wild horse gathers conducted last February brought horse numbers more into line with Appropriate Management Levels in the Buffalo Hills pasture so AUMs allocated for livestock will not be used by excess wild horses. Wild horse numbers in the Dolly Varden pasture are estimated to still be 124% above AML. As discussed, we are going to adhere to the utilization limits set in the re-evaluation. Limits for the identified riparian areas are 30% combined use on key species at any time during the livestock use period. If these limits are exceeded before October 15, livestock will have to be moved, either within or out of the pasture.

At this point in time I would like to continue with the plan to move cattle from the Buffalo Hills pasture to the Dolly Varden pasture starting on July 15. All cattle should be removed from the Buffalo Hills pasture by July 31.

I cannot stress enough the importance of keeping livestock out of the riparian areas and I appreciate your continued efforts to cooperate. We will be in the Buffalo Hills Allotment to monitor during the weeks of July 12-30. I feel it would benefit all concerned if you could accompany us at some point during this period. If you have any questions please contact Leigh Redick or Rich Adams at 623-1500.

Sincerely yours,

Bud Cribley, Area Manager
Sonoma-Gerlach Resource Area

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