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In Reply Refer To:
(NV-0221.1)

April 21, 1998

Manual Elias
P.O. Box 111
Denio, NV 89404

Dear Mr. Elias:

Enclosed is a 10 year grazing permit for your signature. Please sign and return this permit by May 6, 1998.

The terms and conditions outlined in the permit are those which appeared in the grazing permit issued in 1994 and in the Final Alder Creek Allotment Evaluation issued December 7, 1993 and the January 27, 1994 Final Multiple-Use Decision. Monitoring data collected (utilization data, riparian functionality) indicates that short term utilization objectives and long term objectives are being met with current management implemented by the Final Multiple-Use Decision. Therefore, no change in the grazing management system is required at this time. Portions of the allotment is located within the McGee Mountain Herd Management Area. A gather occurred in 1997 which brought the burro number to the appropriate management level established by the multiple use decision.

The grazing regulations requires the authorized officer to consult, cooperate, and coordinate (CCC) with affected permittees, the State Agencies responsible for managing resources within the area, and interested publics (43 CFR 4130.2(b)). Therefore, a copy of this letter and permit will be sent to individuals, groups, or organizations that have expressed an interest in the management of livestock grazing on the Alder Creek Allotment. The interested public is being asked to provide comments by May 6, 1998.

If we determine that is necessary to reissue this permit via proposed decision based upon comments received from interested publics, it will be sent to yourself and interested publics and will include a 15-day period for protest and a 30-day period for appeal.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Barry at (702) 623-1500. 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 yours,



Colin Christensen
Assistant District Manager
Division of Renewable Resources

Enclosure: 10 year grazing permit

CC:

Natural Resources Defense Council
The Wilderness Society
USFWS Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge
Desert Bighorn Council
NDOW-Fallon
NDOW-Winnemucca
Mr. John Marvel
Nevada Cattleman's Association
Nevada Farm Bureau Federation
USFWS
Sagebrush Chapter, Trout Unlimited
Wild Horse Organ. Assist.
Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Humbolt County Commissionars

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: TERM 03/01/1998 TO 02/28/2007

GRAZING PERMIT

MANUAL ELIAS

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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5100 E WINN. BLVD.
WINNEMUCCA, NV 89445

THIS GRAZING PERMIT IS OFFERED TO YOU BASED ON YOUR RECOGNIZED GRAZING PREFERENCE ON THE PUBLIC LANDS AND/OR OTHER LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE BLM. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE GRAZING USE TO THE EXTENT OF YOUR ACTIVE GRAZING PREFERENCE AS SHOWN BELOW UPON YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND YOUR PAYMENT OF GRAZING FEES.

ALLOT ----- PASTURE -----	LIVESTOCK		GRAZING PERIOD		TYPE %PL USE	AUM'S -----
	NUMBER	KIND	BEGIN	END		
00051 ALDER CREEK	318	CATTLE	10/01	02/28	97 ACTIVE	1531
	800	CATTLE	04/01	08/15	97 ACTIVE	3495
	52	CATTLE	04/01	05/31	100 ACTIVE	104
	360	CATTLE	05/01	06/30	97 ACTIVE	700
	105	CATTLE	10/01	10/30	97 ACTIVE	100

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

GRAZING USE WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE JANUARY 27, 1994 FINAL MULTIPLE USE DECISION.

YOU WILL BE GIVEN A SEVEN (7) DAY NOTICE IN WHICH TO REMOVE LIVESTOCK FROM THE PASTURE SCHEDULE FOR THE LATE SUMMER USE PERIOD WHEN UTILIZATION LEVELS REACH 45% IN UPLAND WET MEADOW HABITATS. LIVESTOCK WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED IN THE PASTURE SCHEDULED FOR THE LATE SUMMER TREATMENT AFTER 08/15.

THE GRAZING AUTHORIZATION WITH THE SCHEDULE OF USE OUTLINED IN THE MULTIPLE USE DECISION WILL BE THE ONLY APPROVED USE AND ALL OTHER SCHEDULES, FLEXIBILITIES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS ADDRESSED IN THE 1971 ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE PLAN IS REVISED

A RE-EVALUATION WILL BE CONDUCTED PRIOR TO THE 1998 GRAZING SEASON.

LINES 4 AND 5 OF THE SCHEDULE AS LISTED ABOVE WILL BE HELD IN NON-USE.

THESE AUMS MAY BE ACTIVATED AS FOLLOWS:

MCGEE MOUNTAIN: APPROXIMATELY 700 ARE AVAILABLE FROM 05/01 TO 06/30. THESE AUMS WILL BE HELD IN NON-USE WHEN WATER IS NOT AVAILABLE. USE WILL BE BASED ON AVAILABLE WATER. A SPECIFIC AREA WILL NOT BE UTILIZED FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

UPPER ASHDOWN: 105 C 10/01 TO 10/31 100 AUMS

LIVESTOCK USE DURING THE FALL MAY BE CONSIDERED IN THE UPPER ASHDOWN PASTURE IN LOWER ELEVATIONAL AREAS ADJACENT TO AND SOUTH OF THE ALDER CREEK RANCH. USE WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN THE UPPER ASHDOWN PASTURE IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY USE IN THE RECOMMENDED SUMMER PASTURE THREE - PASTURE ROTATION SYSTEM AND IF UTILIZATION LEVELS ALONG THE ALDER CREEK RIPARIAN ZONE ARE BELOW 20% AND ASSOCIATED UPLAND AND WET MEADOW HABITATS ARE BELOW 40% DURING THE GROWING SEASON. FIELD CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED PRIOR TO TURNOUT. NO FALL USE WILL OCCUR WHEN THE PASTURE IS SCHEDULED FOR REST OR FOR LATE SUMMER USE.

LINE 3 OF THE SCHEDULE IS FOR FENCED FEDERAL LAND WHICH MAY BE CONCURRENTLY BE USED WITH PRIVATE LAND AS LONG AS THE USE IS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO PUBLIC LAND.

EXCHANGE OF USE IS ACCOUNTED FOR AS PERCENT OF ACTIVE USE AS PER THE EXCHANGE OF USE AGREEMENT. YOUR EXCHANGE OF USE AGREEMENT EXPIRES ON 02/28/98

SALT AND/OR MINERAL BLOCKS SHALL NOT BE PLACED WITHIN ONE QUARTER (1/4) MILE OF SPRINGS, STREAMS, MEADOWS, RIPARIAN HABITATS, OR ASPEN STANDS.

THE PERMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO PERFORM NORMAL MAINTENANCE ON THE RANGE IMPROVEMENTS AS PER THEIR SIGNED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS/SECTION 4 PERMITS PRIOR TO TURNING OUT IN A PASTURE OR USE AREA SCHEDULED FOR LIVESTOCK USE.

THE PERMITTEE'S CERTIFIED ACTUAL USE REPORT, BY PASTURE/USE AREA, IS DUE 15 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE AUTHORIZED GRAZING PERIOD.

IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DUE DATE, YOU WILL BE CHARGED A LATE FEE ASSESSMENT OF \$25.00 OR 10% OF THE GRAZING BILL WHICHEVER IS GREATER, NOT TO EXCEED \$250.00. FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DUE DATE MAY RESULT IN TRESPASS ACTION.

YOU MAY PAY YOUR BILL BY VISA OR MASTERCARD,
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL US AT 702-623-1500.

ALLOTMENT SUMMARY (AUM'S)

ALLOT	P R E F E R E N C E		
	ACTIVE	SUSP	TOTAL
00051 ALDER CREEK	5913	6532	12445

THIS PERMIT : 1. CONVEYS NO RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST HELD BY THE UNITED STATES IN ANY LANDS OR RESOURCES AND 2. IS SUBJECT TO (A) MODIFICATION, SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION AS REQUIRED BY LAND PLANS AND APPLICABLE LAW; (B) ANNUAL REVIEW AND TO MODIFICATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS APPROPRIATE; AND (C) THE TAYLOR GRAZING ACT, AS AMENDED, THE FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT, AS AMENDED, THE PUBLIC RANGELANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS NOW OR HEREAFTER PROMULGATED THEREUNDER BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

ACCEPTED:

SIGNATURE OF PERMITTEE: _____ DATE _____

AREA MANAGER: _____ DATE _____