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In Reply Refer To:
(NV022.12) 4130.2

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Dear Interested Public:

We are proposing to issue a 3 year term grazing permit to Gary Takacs on the Pleasant Valley grazing allotment. As per 43 CFR 4130.2(b), the Bureau is required to consult, cooperate, and coordinate with interested public prior to the issuance of a term grazing permit.

I have included, in this mailing, a copy of the unsigned permittee acceptance letter and the permittee letter for your information.

The terms and conditions outlined in this term permit are consistent with the former permit and the impacts of livestock grazing under these terms and conditions have been analyzed in the Sonoma Gerlach Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

Portions of the Stillwater HMA and Tobin HMA are located within this allotment.

If you have comments of concerns with this proposal, please contact me in writing by November 7, 1998. If comments are not received by this date, I will authorize this request for a 3 year term permit. Please contact Wendy Fuell at (702) 623-1504 should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Colin P. Christensen
Assistant Field Office Manager
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Gary Takacs
P.O. Box 191
Winnemucca, NV 89446

Dear Mr. Takacs:

Based on a review of our grazing files it was found that your grazing permit for the Pleasant Valley Allotment expired on January 1, 1998. We propose to offer you a three year term grazing permit, dated 3/1/98 to 1/1/01. This permit is based on your current lease with Robert Siard which has a term of three years beginning January 1, 1998 and extending until 1/1/01.

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 individuals, groups or organizations that have expressed an interest in the management of livestock grazing on the Pleasant Valley Allotment. The interested public is being asked to provide comments by November 7, 1998.

The terms and conditions outlined in the enclosed acceptance form are those which have historically appeared on previous annual licenses and permits authorizing grazing use on the Pleasant Valley Allotment, for one exception. We have included new direction for the protection of any newly discovered cultural sites.

The terms and conditions outlined are also consistent with the Sonoma Gerlach Resource Management Plan. The impacts of livestock grazing under these terms and conditions have been analyzed in the Sonoma Gerlach Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

Please sign the enclosed Acceptance of Terms and Conditions and Request for Grazing Permit and return to the above address. Following the public comment period a copy of your actual grazing permit will be sent to you for your signature.

If we propose to change the terms and conditions of your grazing permit, following the comment period, we will keep you and other interested parties informed. If we determine that it is necessary to offer you this permit via proposed decision, it will be sent to the interested public and will include a 30 day period of appeal.

If you have comments of concerns with this proposal, please contact Wendy Fuell at (702) 623-1504. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin P. Christensen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Colin P. Christensen
Assistant Field Office Manager
Renewable Resources

Enclosure

**ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS
and
REQUEST FOR GRAZING PERMIT**

I, _____, agree to accept the Terms and Conditions listed below and request that I be offered a Grazing Permit to graze in the Pleasant Valley Allotment.

Terms and Conditions

Pleasant Valley Terms and Conditions

1. Accurate actual use will be submitted within 15 days of livestock being removed.
2. All range improvements will be maintained prior to livestock turnout.
3. Livestock numbers, seasons of use, permitted use, and area of use as specified in the permit.

| Allotment | Livestock # | Begin | End | % Public Land | Type Use | AUMs |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|-------|---------------|----------|------|
| Pleasant Valley | 370 cows | 04/18 | 09/30 | 94 | Active | 1898 |
| Pleasant Valley | 150 cows | 09/01 | 10/30 | 94 | Active | 278 |
| Pleasant Valley | 217 cows | 09/01 | 11/30 | 94 | Active | 610 |
| Pleasant Valley | 54 cows | 01/01 | 01/31 | 100 | Active | 55 |

Line 02 of your permit schedule refers to grazing use to be made in the Siard Spray Pasture. Line 04 refers to fenced federal land to be used in conjunction with the base property as long as the grazing use is not detrimental to the federal lands.

4. No salt and/or mineral blocks shall be placed within one quarter (1/4) mile of springs, meadows, streams, riparian habitats, or aspen stands. In the event that topography and/or available water sources do not allow for the 1/4 mile requirement, coordination will be necessary with BLM personnel prior to placement of salt and/or mineral blocks.
5. All cattle will be ear-tagged as specified in your yearly authorization.

5. No grazing use will be made in the John Basin Spring, Spring Creek Spring, or Siard Spring Wildlife Enclosures.

General Terms and Conditions

1. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(G) the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer by telephone with written confirmation, immediately upon discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (as defined at 43 CFR 10.2) further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(C) and (D), you must stop activities for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the Authorized Officer.

2. Livestock numbers identified in the term grazing permit are a function of seasons of use and the total number of animal unit months of specified livestock grazing for each allotment. Deviations from those livestock numbers and seasons of use may be authorized on an annual basis where such deviations would not prevent attainment of the multiple-use objectives for the allotment.

“Deviations from specified grazing use dates will be allowed when consistent with multiple-use objectives. Such deviations will require an application and written authorization from the authorized officer prior to grazing use.”

Signed: _____ Date: _____