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WINNEMUCCA DISTRICT OFFICE
705 East 4th Street
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

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Dear Interested Party:

The Paradise-Denio Resource Area has received applications for transfer of the full active grazing preference for the Kings River Allotment and a portion of the active preference for the Bottle Creek Allotment. Allotment evaluations and Multiple Use Decisions are scheduled for the Bottle Creek Allotment in 1996 and the Kings River Allotment in 1997.

I am requesting your input in these transfers prior to concluding the transfer process. It is my intentions in the interum period to continue to collect monitoring data for analysis to make any appropriate changes in management and active preference during the upcoming evaluation and Multiple Use Decision process.

Please provide your comments to me by August 31, 1995. Your participation in multiple use management on public lands is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Area Manager
Paradise-Denio Resource Area

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phone call to → Pete Christensen



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PRESERVATION OF WILD HORSES**

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August 31, 1995

Pete Christianson, Area Manager
705 East 4th St.
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

RE: Bottle Creek and Kings River Allotments

Dear Pete,

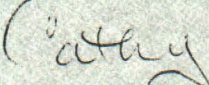
Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your scoping document on the Kings River and Bottle Creek Allotments transfer of grazing preference.

As we discussed during our phone conversations on September 1, 1995, I cannot determine with the information "not provided" how to respond to the proposed transfer.

Please provide me with the data that is currently available on grazing use in those allotments as well as the previous active grazing use. Our attention would be to active use and condition of the allotment versus the full preference AUM's being requested for transfer use. I realize the evaluations and MUD's will be within the next few years however much damage could occur in that time if the full preference far exceeds what has actually been run on those allotments. Also, what HMA's are affected and how many horses are maintained in these allotments?

After I have time to adequately review the information you send I will be able to reply to your scoping request on this transfer.

Sincerely,


CATHERINE BARCOMB
Executive Director



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Commission For The
Preservation of Wild Horses
255 W. Moana Lane Suite 207A
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Dear Ms. Barcomb:

This letter is in response to your letter dated August 31, 1995 requesting additional information on the Bottle Creek and Kings River Allotments.

For your information the Bottle Creek Allotment adjudicated Grazing Preference is 3409 AUMs. The grazing preference for the Bottle Creek allotment is as follows: Robert Hoenck 300 AUMs, Laura McKernan 1136 AUMS and DeLong Ranches ,Inc. 1973 AUMs. Upon approval of the transfer, Delong Ranches, Inc. grazing preference will be reduced from 1973 AUMS to 227 AUMs. The transfer application that the BLM is soliciting comments on is for 1771 Aums. Grazing use for this allotment begins approximately April 1 and terminates 12/31. The use of the Bottle Creek Allotment as identified in the scoping letter will be analyzed in Fiscal year 1996 through the allotment evaluation and multiple use decision process. The grazing preference has been fully utilized. The Bottle Creek Allotment is a portion of the North Jackson Mountain Herd Management Area. An Appropriate Management Level (AML) has not been established for this allotment. The AML will be established in 1996 through the allotment evaluation process.

The Kings River Allotment adjudicated Grazing preference is 12,192 Aums. The season of use is 3/1 to 10/31. The pending transfer application is for the entire 12,192 AUMs. Licensed use has been approximately 10,000 Aums for the last five years. There are no HMA's in the Kings River Allotment. The Kings River Allotment is scheduled for evaluation in fiscal year 1997.

Monitoring data is very limited on both allotments and because of this we are unable to determine if we are meeting objectives on these allotments. As identified in the scoping letter monitoring data will be collected in the interim period to be utilized in the evaluation process.

If you should need additional information please contact Bob Hopper
of my range staff.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Hopper".

Area Manager
Paradise-Denio Resource Area