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In Memoriam

LOUISE C. HARRISON
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March 21, 1985

Mr. Frank Shields, District Manager
Bureau of Land Management
705 East 4th Street
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

Dear Mr. Shields:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the tentative schedule for implementation of the multiple resource management decisions. (4700/1791-NV-027.8)

Please send WHOA the data and the calculations upon which the estimated rates of increases were based; Paradise/Denio-14%, and Sonoma/Gerlach-11%. The projections, using BLM's percentages are flawed. An example is the Calico Mountains (Soldier Meadows/Leadville) portions.

1982-	365	+ 11%	= 40
1983-	405	+ 11%	= 45
1984-	450	+ 11%	= 50
1985-	500;	yet your estimate is	718.

Using a 14% rate of increase;

1982-	365	+ 14%	= 51
1983-	416	+ 14%	= 58
1984-	474	+ 14%	= 66
1985-	540;	yet your estimate is	718.

Since WHOA still cannot match your projection, we used a higher rate of increase, which we feel is unbelievable; we still came out lower than your projections:

1982-	365	+ 22%	= 80
1983-	445	+ 22%	= 98
1984-	543	+ 22%	= 119
1985-	662		

Is BLM trying to tell WHOA that forage conditions are so perfect in the Calico's as to promote an increase above 22%? Therefore WHOA needs to understand how the BLM calculated these estimates and what they were based on.



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In addition to the above problem, the asterik at the bottom of page one of the letter 4700/1791 (NV-027.8) implies that there is a consensus of the Buffalo Hills CRMP on the AML. In personal communication with Dick Wheeler, he informs me that myself and Helen Reilly are the horse representatives on that CRMP. I attended ony one meeting, wherein the permittees argued over who was going to get Casey's AUMs. I spoke with Helen Reilly on March 20th and she informs me that she was not a signatory to any such agreement either. So I contacted Rose Strickland, who is a member of that CRMP and attended many meetings. She informs me that no such consensus was reached or even came up. Therefore, we would like to have minutes of the meeting and the attendants where that consensus was reached.

This letter is to inform BLM that WHOA does not and will not support any such levels as referred to in 4700/1791 (NV-027.8). WHOA would greatly appreciate a timely response to these questions.

Most sincerely,

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