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Dear Interested Publics:

On December 17, 1998 Mike Burke applied for temporary non-renewable use in the Mud Springs Pasture, which is the winter use area of the Goldbanks Allotment. Mike currently is permitted 430 AUMs for winter use within the Goldbanks Allotment. He is requesting an additional 191 AUMs in the form of temporary non-renewable use.

Licensed Use

211 cows      12/1/98 to 01/31/98      430 AUMs

Extension of Use

208 cows      02/01/99 to 02/28/99      191 AUMs

The Mud Springs Pasture was field checked for utilization on 01/13/1999. Utilization levels ranged from sight, about 1+ miles from water to light within 300 yards of the windmill and irrigation ditch. Dominate vegetation within the pasture is shadscale, bud sage, Wyoming sage, squirreltail, bluegrass, and cheatgrass. The pasture is entirely fenced and there are no riparian concerns. There is a 0 AML established in the Sonoma-Gerlach MFP III for the portion of the East Range Herd Area (HA) and Tobin Range Herd Management Area (HMA) which occur in the Mud Springs pasture.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Wendy Fuell by 1/29/ 99. She can be reached at (775) 623-1504.

Sincerely yours,

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