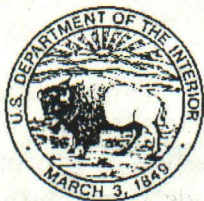


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In Reply Refer To:
(NV-0241.5)

April 18, 1996

Dear Interested Public::

I have received a grazing application for the Deer Creek allotment with a portion of the requested use period falling outside the season of use identified in the grazing term permit and/or multiple use decision. The Bureau is required to provide affected permittees and interested publics an opportunity to review, comment, and give input prior to modifying terms and conditions of a permit and authorizing use outside the season of use.

Permitted use identified in the 10 year permit and multiple use decision for the Deer Creek allotment is 200 C 03/01 to 03/31 201 AUMs and 176 C 10/01 to 11/30 353 AUMs in the winter/early spring use area. The late spring/summer use area use is as follows: 200 C 04/01 to 04/30 200 AUMs. The active preference is 754 AUMs. The winter/early spring and late spring/summer use areas are divided by a fence. The permittee has requested the following livestock use:

80 C	03/01/96 to 04/30/96	163 AUMs
75 C	05/01/96 to 09/30/96	380 AUMs
70 C	10/01/96 to 12/31/96	<u>211 AUMs</u>
		754 AUMs

The AUMs in the permittees request are consistent with the permitted use identified in the 10 year term permit. However, portions of the requested use periods, 05/01 to 09/30 and 12/01 to 12/31, are outside the season of use. The proposal has lower livestock numbers but would increase the season of use in the spring/summer ranges from one month to six months. AUMs would be increased from 200 AUMs to 461 AUMs. AUMs in the winter/early spring use area would decrease from 554 AUMs to 293 AUMs.

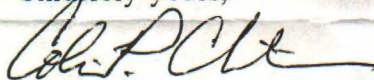
The majority of Deer Creek has intermittent to ephemeral water flow and little potential for supporting a fishery. However, Deer Creek does support woody riparian species such as willow and dogwood over the majority of the creek. In order to ensure the short-term objective of 50% utilization for riparian habitats is met if this request is authorized, the following term and condition will be included on the grazing permit:

"An allowable use level of 50% on herbaceous and/or woody riparian species along Deer Creek will be enforced. This allowable use level will dictate livestock removal from the summer use area. To determine a removal date, the Bureau, in coordination and cooperation with the permittee and affected interests, shall inspect Deer Creek on or near July 15. Additional inspections may be required after the initial inspection date.

When the utilization level of riparian vegetation reaches 45%, the livestock operator will be given a five (5) day notice in which to remove livestock from this use area."

If you have comments or concerns with this proposal, please contact me in writing by April 30, 1996. If comments are not received by this date, I will authorize this request. Please contact Richard Barry at (702) 623-1500 should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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