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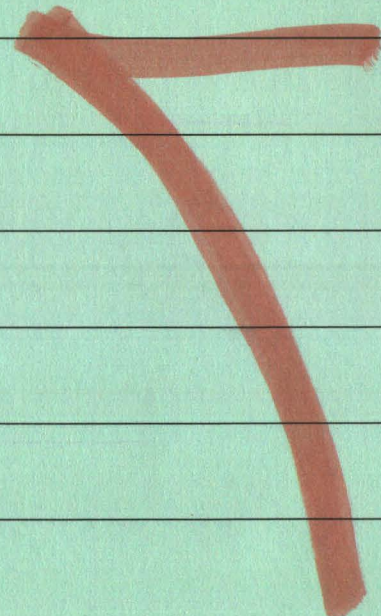
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Memorandum

To: Area Manager, Sonoma-Gerlach Resource Area

From: Rich Adams, Supv. Range Conservationist

Subject: Consultation, Coordination, and Cooperation With Affected Parties On
The Soldier Meadows Re-evaluation

Below I have listed chronologically letters and meetings in which the Soldier Meadows Allotment Re-evaluation have been discussed.

1. 5/21/92 A letter was sent to the general public informing them of the upcoming re-evaluation, requesting any information that might be important for BLM's analysis, and to respond if they would like to be considered an affected interest.
2. 1/12/93 The Soldier Meadows Draft Re-evaluation was mailed.
3. 4/21/93 A meeting was held in Reno with the following individuals to discuss the re-evaluation:

Rose Strickland, Sierra Club
William Cowan, USFWS
Dr. Gary Vineyard, UNR
Nadine Jackson, BLM
Tom Seley, BLM
Clarence Covert, BLM
Bud Cribley, BLM

Pat Coffin, USFWS
Roy Leach, NDOW
Jack Piccolo, Summit Lake Paiute
Tribe
Ron Pearson, BLM
Arn Berglund, BLM
Rich Adams, BLM

Bob Allen, SO Range Conservationist, gave an overview of ecological site inventory (ESI) and how desired plant communities (DPC) objectives are derived using ESI. Bob then explained how he assisted the resource area on the DPC objectives used in the re-evaluation. The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the livestock/wild horse and burros carrying capacities calculations, use pattern mapping results, and changes in the grazing system. From this meeting we modified some to the technical recommendations, such as changing to a 6" stubble height instead of 30% utilization on herbaceous vegetation and described in greater detail the stocking rate calculations.

4. 5/16/93 Arn Berglund led a field trip with Summit Lake Paiute Tribe and the Reno Chapter of the Nature Conservancy to look at the recent TNC acquisitions in Mahogany and Summer Camp Creeks and discuss some of the technical recommendations in the re-evaluation.
5. 6/14&15/93 Arn Berglund, Ron Pearson, and Jim Jeffress (NDOW Biologist) looked at potential monitoring exclosures sites and discussed upland browse conditions in relation to livestock grazing management. They also talked about the potential vegetation associated with potential key area sites.

6. 7/28/93 Rich Adams and Arn Berglund hand delivered the Biological Assessment, Final Re-evaluation, and draft Proposed Multiple Use Decision to FWS, initiating Section 7 consultation. Rich and Arn went through the documents to show what changes were made after the 4/21 meeting.
7. 8/17/93 FWS acknowledged that the information provided by BLM was sufficient to initiate the formal consultation.
8. 9/8&9/93 Arn Berglund and Ron Pearson toured with FWS personnel from the Reno field office and Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Fish Biologists to discuss objectives and management actions for the desert dace in the Hot Springs Pasture and LCT in the Summit Lake Pasture.
9. 11/1/93 A conference call was held with FWS and BLM to discuss the Biological Opinion. FWS requested a 30 day extension to the period which was agreed to.
10. 12/3/93 FWS issued the Biological Opinion which rendered a not likely to jeopardize decision.
11. 1/24/94 The Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision was issued.
12. 2/22/94 Appeals from the Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses and WHOA. Appeal points were not submitted at this time, but they stated that the appeal points would be submitted within the next 30 days.
13. 2/28/94 Appeal from R.C. Roberts.
14. 3/9/94 Appeal from the Nevada Division of Wildlife.
15. 4/14/94 The Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses and WHOA filed their specific appeal points.

Rich Adams
6/14/94

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