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## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Winnemucca Field Office 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard

Winnemucca, Nevada 89445 702-623-1500

In Reply Refer To:

NV-22.14 4130.6-2

August 11, 1997

Dear Interested Public:

On August 6, 1997, I received a grazing application for temporary non-renewable fall and winter use on the Paiute Meadows Allotment. The requested use is as follows:

South Paiute Use Area (Low Elevation)

200 Cattle

10/17 to 01/17

612 AUMs

Currently, no winter use is authorized on the Paiute Meadows Allotment. Livestock are removed Paiute Meadows Allotment by 10/06 while they are still in the higher elevations of the South Use Area.

Utilization, by wild horses, in the lower elevations of the South Paiute Use Area since 1993 has ranged from no-use to slight use.

If you have comments or concerns with this proposal, please contact me by August 27, 1997. Please contact Mandy McCutcheon or Ron Hall at (702) 623-1500 should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant District Manager

Renewable Resources

Enclosure

1997 Winter Grazing Application - Paiute Meadows Allotment

Form 4130-1 (May 1992)

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR RUPEAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

GRAZING APPLICATION

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## COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WILD HORSES

1105 Terminal Way Suite 209 Reno, Nevada 89502 (702) 688-2626

August 28, 1997

Mr. Pete Christensen
Paradise-Denio Resource Area
Bureau of Land Management
5100 East Winnemucca Blvd.
Winnemucca, Nevada 89406

Subject: Paiute Meadows Authorization

Dear Mr. Christensen:

Thank you for consulting the Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses concerning an authorization of forage on the Paiute Meadows Allotment. This portion of the allotment is a winter range critical to wild horses and wildlife.

This area was to be considered a key management area and required intensive monitoring to assure compatible uses.

We cannot support the proposed action without a presentation of monitoring data. It is our understanding, the multiple use decision requires supportive data for any adjustment in use of this area.

We would appreciate your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE BARCOMB Executive Director