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(NV-22.10)
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Ms. Cathy Barcomb
CPWH
123 West Nye Lane, Suite 248
Carson City, NV 89706-0818

Dear Ms. Barcomb:

Enclosed are copies of Notice of Closure and Final Decisions involving the Blue Wing/Seven Troughs Allotment that was impacted by wildland fires this past summer/fall.

This is in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations 43 CFR 4110.3-3(b).

If you wish to appeal a closure and/or decision, please be specific as to the closure/decision you are appealing. Those procedures are outlined in the Final Decision.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rich Adams.

Sincerely yours,

Colin P. Christensen
Assistant Field Manager
Renewable Resources

Enclosures



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Notice of Final Decision

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Wes Cook
P.O. Box 101
Cedarville, CA 96104

Dear Mr. Cook:

In accordance with the Notice of Closure signed by the ADM, Renewable Resources, the Empire Fire in the Blue Wing/Seven Troughs Allotment is closed to all livestock for two (2) growing seasons or until the rehabilitation objectives have been met.

Preburn management practices will resume when a minimum of two growing seasons of rest have been provided for native species. Seedings would also be protected from livestock grazing for a minimum of two growing seasons.

The emergency closure will be lifted when the vegetative cover meets or exceeds 50% of the minimum potential ground cover for the ecological site after two growing seasons. The Winnemucca District will monitor the recovery of the burned area to see if the objectives of the closure are being achieved.

The emergency closure will provide rest for surviving perennial species to regain vigor and will provide seedling establishment of native species. The rest will also benefit the native species by allowing sufficient time for germination of seed, development of adequate seedling root growth to prevent uprooting by grazing animals, and by allowing perennial seedlings to develop good vigor and produce viable seed.

Areas to be seeded lack perennial species for natural revegetation. The burn area will not successfully reestablish to a native perennial plant community in a reasonable time frame of two or three growing seasons. These areas, if left to natural rehabilitation, will be invaded by less desirable annual plant species. Areas that are dominated by annual species have a high potential hazard for recurring wildfires and the competition of annuals reduces the chance of perennial species establishing.

We will be soliciting your participation in the selection of key areas and key species which will be the basis for the re-opening of the closed portion(s) of the allotment.

The amount of AUMs suspended for the allotment is 20 AUMs.

This final decision is **effective upon receipt** in accordance with 43 CFR 4110.3-3(b) and 4160.3(f) for the protection of the soil and vegetation due to fire.

Any applicant, permittee, lessee, or other person whose interest is adversely affected by this final decision may file an appeal and petition for stay of the decision pending final determination of the appeal under Sec. 43 CFR §4160.4 and §4.470. Appeals and petitions for a stay of the decision shall be filed in person or in writing to Pete Christensen,

ADM Renewable Resources, Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District, 5001 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445, within 30 days after receipt of the final decision.

The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, why the appellant thinks the final decision is in error.

Should you wish to file a motion for stay, the appellant shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards under Sec. 43 CFR §4.21:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied.
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits.
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted.
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

As noted above, the petition for stay must be filed in the office of the authorized officer.

Sincerely yours,



Colin P, Christensen
ADM, Renewable Resources

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Notice of Final Decision

C-Punch Ranch, Inc.
c/o Larry Irvin
900 Industrial Way
Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Mr. Irvin:

In accordance with the Notice of Closure signed by the ADM, Renewable Resources, the Empire Fire in the Blue Wing/Seven Troughs Allotment is closed to all livestock for two (2) growing seasons or until the rehabilitation objectives have been met.

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NOTICE OF CLOSURE TO LIVESTOCK GRAZING

For protection of the soil and vegetation, due to fire, and because continued grazing use poses a significant risk of resource damage, I hereby close to all livestock grazing use on public lands herein described in the following allotments located in Humboldt, Pershing and Washoe Counties:

WILLIAM STOCK ALLOTMENT	Burned portion of the Mud Spring Pasture Entire North Sagehen Pasture
DIAMOND S ALLOTMENT	North side of Interstate 80
SCOTT SPRING ALLOTMENT	Burned portion
HUMBOLDT VALLEY ALLOTMENT	Burned portion
DOLLY HADEN ALLOTMENT	Burned portion
PUMPERNICKEL ALLOTMENT	Burned portion
BLUE WING ALLOTMENT	Burned portion

(Maps of the fires can be viewed at the Winnemucca District Office)

Livestock use may be authorized in those allotments where portions of a burned pasture are fenced or other measures taken to exclude livestock. This Notice of Closure is to remain in effect for two (2) growing seasons or until the rehabilitation objectives have been met. Upon determination that the rehabilitation objectives have been met, authorized grazing use may resume.

The Winnemucca District will monitor the recovery of the burned area to determine if objectives of the closure are being achieved.

This Closure is issued as a final decision and is effective upon issuance pursuant to Title 43 CFR, sections 4110.3-3(b) and 4160.3(f) of the Grazing Regulations for the Public Lands.

This notice is to inform you that any livestock grazing upon public land or other land under Bureau of Land Management's control are in violation of 43 CFR 4140.1(b)(1) and may be impounded. The unauthorized livestock may be impounded at any time after five (5) days from delivery of this notice or after five (5) days from publishing and posting of this notice. This notice is issued in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4; any impoundment of unauthorized livestock in connection with this notice will be done in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4-2.

Sincerely yours,



Colin P. Christensen
Assistant Field Manger
Renewable Resources