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### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ELKO FIELD OFFICE 3900 E. IDAHO STREET ELKO, NEVADA 89801-4611

in reply refer to: 4130 (NV-012)

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Ellison Ranching Company c/o DeLoyd Satterthwaite HC-32, Box 240 Tuscarora, NV 89834

Dear Mr. Satterthwaite:

Your application to transfer a portion of the grazing privileges (56 AUMs) from Nelo Mori to you on the Spanish Ranch Allotment was received on November 27, 1996. To complete this transfer and issue you a new term permit, we need to have the attached "Acceptance of Terms and Conditions" form signed and returned, along with the \$10.00 transfer processing fee as soon as possible.

The new grazing regulations also require the authorized officer to consult, cooperate, and coordinate (CCC) with affected permittees, the State agencies responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public prior to the issuance of grazing permits (43 CFR 4130.2(b)). Therefore, a copy of this letter and a copy of the acceptance form will be sent to anyone who has expressed an interest in the Spanish Ranch Allotment. (See the attached map for the location of this allotment.) The interested public is being asked to provide comment by February 20, 1996.

The terms and conditions outlined in the attached acceptance form are those which have been on the term grazing permits issued to Ellison Ranching Company and Nelo Mori. These permits were issued in December 1996 via proposed decision. These same terms and conditions were sent to the interested public for comment. The Spanish Ranch Allotment is located within a portion of the Rock Creek wild horse herd area.

The terms and conditions outlined are also consistent with the Elko Resource Management Plan. The impacts of livestock grazing under these terms and conditions have been analyzed in the Elko Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

If we propose to change the terms and conditions following the comment period, we will keep you and the other interested parties informed. Following the comment period we will also decide if a proposed decision to offer you a new term grazing permit will be needed. If a proposed decision is necessary, it will be sent to the interested public and will include a 15-day period for protest and a 30-day period for appeal.

# ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS and REQUEST FOR GRAZING PERMIT

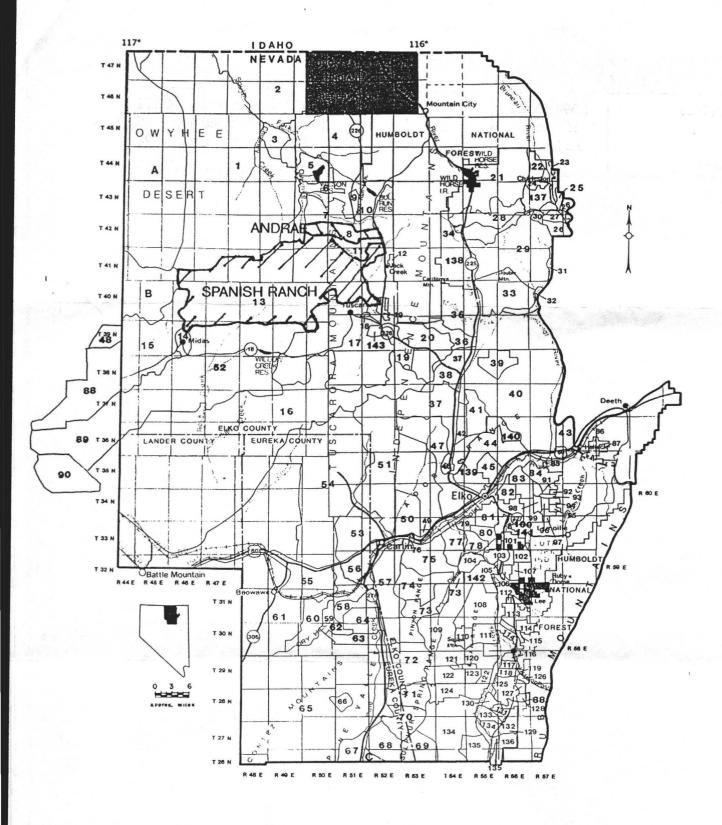
I, DeLoyd Satterthwaite of Ellison Ranching Company agree to accept the Terms & Conditions listed below and request that I be offered a Grazing Permit to graze the allotments in which I have a grazing preference. Terms and conditions for all other allotments will remain unchanged.

### **Proposed Terms & Conditions**

Total number of AUMs grazed annually by sheep on the Spanish Ranch, Squaw Valley, and Elevenmile Flat Allotments may vary from those listed on the term permit depending on the number of sheep and the actual number of days that sheep are trailed or grazed within the allotment(s). Ellison Ranching Company may substitute cattle AUMs for the balance of unused sheep AUMs at the time of licensing, provided the total number of AUMs of specified livestock grazing for the allotment(s) is not exceeded and the total number of cattle or sheep AUMs described below is not exceeded.

	AUMs				
Allotment	Maximum Cattle	Maximum Sheep	Total AUMs of Specified Livestock Grazing		
Spanish Ranch	22,151	250	22,201		
Squaw Valley	23,796	5,000	26,796		
Elevenmile Flat	1,014	800	1,542		

Allotment/ Pasture	Livestock Number & Kind	Begin Period	End Period	%PL	Type Use	AUMs
Spanish Ranch						
Native	1,005 Cattle	3/25	3/31	77	permitted	178
Native	4,595 Cattle	4/1	9/30	77	permitted	21,287
Native	1,006 Cattle	10/1	10/15	77	permitted	382
Native	100 Cattle	10/16	11/30	77	permitted	116
Native	1,295 Sheep	6/10	6/27	77	permitted	118
Native	900 Sheep	6/28	6/28	77	permitted	5
Native	1,200 Sheep	7/9	7/15	77	permitted	43
Native	305 Sheep	10/5	10/31	77	permitted	42
FFR	3 Cattle	3/1	2/28	100	permitted	30
Total						22,201





## COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WILD HORSES

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February 24,1997

Ms. Helen Hankins Elko District Bureau of Land Management 3900 East Idaho Street P.O. Box 831 Elko, Nevada 89803

Subject: Spanish Ranch Transfer - Rock Creek HMA

Dear Ms. Hankins:

Thank you for consulting the Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses. We have reviewed the proposed transfers of grazing privileges affecting the Rock Creek Wild Horse Herd Area.

The Rock Creek Emergency Gather was based upon depleted range conditions and overuse of the recent wild fire. It is our mutual agreement that multiple use decisions would be imminent. These allotment evaluations would assess data and make the necessary adjustments to achieve a thriving ecological balance within the herd management area.

This proposed decision administers 50,539 AUMs within the herd area. It is a significant management action and should require an environmental assessment.

Terms and conditions do not establish allowable use levels or range limitations necessary to protect habitat within the herd management area.

We would appreciate your prompt attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE BARCOMB Executive Director