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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
4130 (NV-012)

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

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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.**

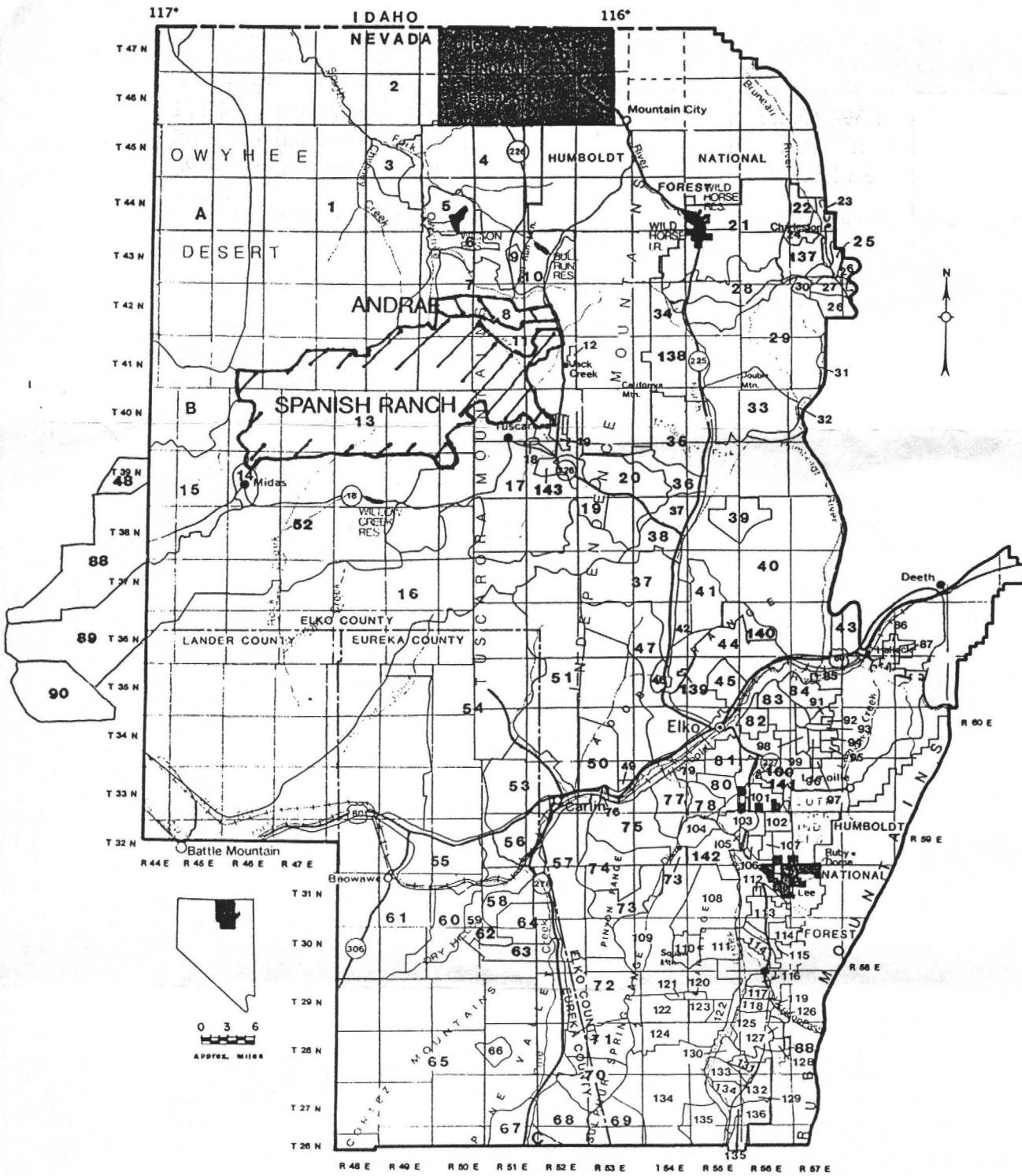
The terms and conditions outlined in the attached acceptance form are those which have been on the term grazing permits issued to Ellison Ranching Company and Nelo Mori. These permits were issued in December 1996 via proposed decision. These same terms and conditions were sent to the interested public 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.



GRAZING ALLOTMENT BOUNDARIES







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February 24, 1997

Ms. Helen Hankins  
Elko District  
Bureau of Land Management  
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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Barcomb".

CATHERINE BARCOMB  
Executive Director