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In Reply Refer To:

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Dear Interested Public:

On July 10, 2000, an application was submitted to transfer grazing privileges on the Lead Hills Allotment from Jeffrey Roche to Thousand Peaks Ranches, Inc. The full permitted use of 7,930 AUMs would be transferred (see the enclosed map for the allotment location). Based on the application, we propose to offer a term grazing permit. The term of this permit would be from October 10, 2000 to October 9, 2010.

The new grazing regulations 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 Lead Hills Allotment. **The interested public is being asked to provide comment by October 25, 2000.** You will be notified of any changes to terms and conditions that may be warranted as a result of comments received. The terms and conditions of this permit may further be modified by the Sheep Allotment Complex Evaluation issued July 31, 2000, and subsequent Final Multiple Use Decision to be issued in 2001.

This allotment is within the Goshute Wild Horse Herd Management Area.

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 Thousand Peaks Ranches, Inc. a 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 after the decision has become final.

The terms and conditions outlined are consistent with the Wells Resource Management Plan and have been analyzed in the Wells Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Bruce Thompson, the assigned Rangeland Management Specialist at (775) 753-0200. If you would prefer to discuss this matter in person, please call to set up an appointment with us so that we may respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



CLINTON R. OKE,
Assistant Field Manager
Renewable Resources

Enclosure(s): As stated above

cc:

Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Charles and John Young
Thousand Peaks Ranches, Inc.
Jeffrey O. Roche
HTT Resource Advisors
Resource Concepts, Inc.
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Nevada Cattlemen's Association
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Nevada Division of Wildlife
Elko Board of Co. Commissioners
M. Jeanne Hermann
Wild Horse Organized Assistance

**ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS and
REQUEST FOR GRAZING PERMIT**

We, Thousand Peaks Ranches Inc., agree to accept the Terms & Conditions listed below and request that we be offered a Grazing Permit to graze the allotment in which we have a grazing preference.

Proposed Terms & Conditions

<i>Allotment</i>	<i>Livestock Number & Kind</i>	<i>Begin Period</i>	<i>End Period</i>	<i>% PL</i>	<i>Type Use</i>	<i>AUMs</i>
Lead Hills Allotment	7,265 Sheep	11/01	4/15	100	Active	7,930

Terms and Conditions:

There are no historic suspended AUMs attached to this grazing permit.

Actual use data must be submitted to this office within 15 days from the last day of use.

Grazing use of the existing administrative sheep trail other than for trailing is prohibited.

Pursuant 43 CFR 10.4(g) the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), you must stop activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and protect it from your activities for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the authorized officer.

The terms and conditions of your permit may be modified if additional information indicates that revision is necessary to conform to 43 CFR 4180.

Supplemental feeding is limited to salt, mineral, and/or protein supplements in block, granular, or liquid form. Such supplements must be placed at least ¼ mile from live waters (springs and streams), troughs, wet or dry meadows, and aspen stands.

All riparian enclosures, including spring development enclosures, are closed to livestock use unless specifically authorized in writing.

Payment of grazing fees is due on or before the due date specified on the grazing bill. Failure to pay the grazing bill within 15 days of the due date specified on the bill shall result in a late fee assessment of \$25.00 or 10 percent of the grazing bill, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$250.00.

The term of this permit would be from October 10, 2000 to October 9, 2010.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

RESOURCE CONFLICT AREAS (RCA), GRAZING ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOTMENT CATEGORIZATION

