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a: Boone Springs

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Dear Interested Public:

In accordance with the Grazing Regulations, "... the authorized officer shall consult, cooperate and coordinate with affected permittees or lessees, the State having lands or responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public prior to issuance of nonrenewable grazing permits and leases"(43 CFR 4130.6-2).

Sherie Rae Goring has applied to graze 1,885 sheep on the Boone Springs Allotment from 3/19/96 to 3/31/96. The grazing permit for this allotment shows a period of use from 11/01 to 2/28, therefore the application for an extension of use is considered a temporary deviation from the grazing permit. Applications for extension of use have been approved the past few years. Although the application requests an extension, total AUMs of use would not exceed permitted use and would count towards use in the coming winter.

The Boone Springs Allotment is a medium sized winter sheep grazing area located west of Antelope Valley approximately 45 miles south of Wendover, Nevada. The application for an extension on or about March 19, 1997 is during the dormant season for the key forage plant which is winterfat/white sage. The health of the plants should not be affected when grazing occurs during the dormant season. Current monitoring data indicates that the Boone Springs Allotment receives slight to light use by wild horses prior to livestock turnout. Combined livestock and wild horse use in the Boone Springs Allotment has been in the light to moderate range. There are no streams and only two springs on this allotment. The permittee uses three wells to water his livestock in the allotment. 10%?

In addition to the standard terms and conditions regarding actual use reports and the use of salt, mineral or protein supplements, the following term and condition will apply:

The extension in period of use (3/19/97 through 3/31/97) is authorized as temporary nonrenewable use, and will not result in a permanent change to your grazing permit.

If you have any comment regarding the approval or denial of this application, please provide it to this office within 15 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please call Bruce Thompson at (702) 753-0200.

Sincerely yours,

Clay Price, for

CLINTON R. OKE, Assitant District Manager
for Renewal Resources

cc: Sherie Rae Goring
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Board of County Commissioners, Elko
Nevada Division of Wildlife
Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Natural Resources Defense Council
Sierra Club, Toiyabe Chapter
Wells Res. Area Grazing Assn.
Animal Protection Institute
Kathryn Cushman
Federal Land Bank
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Wild Horse Organized Assistance
American Horse Protection Association, Inc.
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Cliff Gardner
Humane Society of the U.S.
Nature Conservancy

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COMMISSION FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF WILD HORSES

1105 Terminal Way
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April 28, 1997

Mr. Clint Oke
Elko District
Bureau of Land Management
3900 East Idaho Street
P.O. Box 831
Elko, Nevada 89803

Subject: TNR - Boone Springs - Antelope Valley HMA

Dear Mr. Oke:

Thank you for consulting the Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses concerning the issuance of temporary use of the Boone Springs Allotment. As you are aware, the Wells Wild Horse Amendment established a 10% use limit to key winter ranges for the Antelope Herd.

It is unfortunate that the District has not issued a multiple use decision for this allotment. Therefore, we assume that no appropriate management level has been established. Though no environmental assessment was provided, we assume that the observed "light and slight" use of wild horses suggest a need to increase wild horse numbers within this Herd Management Area.

It has been noted that the notice is for temporary use in 1996 and the notice has been issued only several days prior to the 1997 grazing season. In any event, the notice and effort to consult is for an after-the-fact authorization. We fail to understand the District's intent in respect to 43 CFR 4120.

We would appreciate the estimated actual use by wild horses and an estimated appropriate management level for this allotment.

P.S. Please note new address.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Catherine Barcomb in cursive script.
CATHERINE BARCOMB

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Commission for the Preservation
of Wild Horses
1105 Terminal Way, Suite 209
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Dear Ms. Barcomb:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of April 28, 1997, concerning the temporary change in period of use in the Boone Springs Allotment.

On April 1, 1997 you sent our office a letter also concerning the temporary change in period of use in the Boone Springs Allotment. Our office sent you a detailed response on April 15, 1997. Because your letter of April 28 is identical to your letter of April 1, it would seem that you did not receive our response, therefore a copy of that letter is enclosed. We have been aware of the Terminal Way address since June of 1996, so our response to you could not have been sent to the wrong address.

Our office also received a letter from the Commission concerning the extension of period of use on the Ferber Flat Allotment. On April 18, 1997, we sent the Commission a courtesy copy of the extension approval letter along with a map and copy of the Bingham Family bill. On May 6, 1997, our office received a letter from the Commission stating that the data submitted by the BLM would suggest that wild horses are at or below AML in the Antelope Valley HMA. We feel that this must be clarified; wild horses are currently 267 head over the initial herd size for the *Antelope Valley HMA*, however, wild horses are below estimated AML within the *Ferber Flat Allotment*.

If you have any further questions or comments on this matter, please contact Bruce Thompson or Kathy McKinstry at (702) 753-02900.

Sincerely yours,

CLINTON R. OKE, Assistant District Manager
Renewable Resources

Enclosure as stated.