



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Elko Field Office  
3900 East Idaho Street  
Elko, Nevada 89801-4611

2 Big Springs ✓  
- Possible Eval 12/27/96  
- Goshute  
- Transfer Charge  
- 10% atch - KMN

In Reply Refer To:  
4130 (NV-010)

Parasol Ranching Limited Liability Company (LLC)  
c/o Larry Schutte  
Big Springs Ranch  
HC 67 Box 2039, Oasis  
Wells, NV 89835

DEC 27 1996

Dear Mr. Schutte:

Your request to transfer the grazing permit for the Big Springs Allotment from Larry and Antoinette Schutte to Parasol Ranching Limited Liability Company (LLC) was received on December 17, 1996. The authorized representative for Parasol Ranching LLC is yourself, Larry Schutte.

On October 4, 1996, a three year grazing permit for the Big Springs Allotment was approved in the name of Larry and Antoinette Schutte. This three year grazing permit was associated with a three year lease of the base property. Your most recent application requests to transfer the grazing permit to the name of Parasol Ranching LLC because a limited liability company offers certain advantages regarding liability and tax structure, etc. The base property owners, BSR Associates, Ltd., have also agreed to change the name on the current three year lease with Larry and Antoinette Schutte to Parasol Ranching LLC.

In light of the recent issuance of a grazing permit for the Big Springs Allotments to Larry and Antoinette Schutte, the Elko District Office proposes to offer Parasol Ranching LLC a grazing permit with the identical terms and conditions as approved on October 4, 1996 and for the same three year term based on the lease with BSR Associates, Ltd. (ending May 15, 1999). There were no comments from the public associated with approval of the October 4, 1996 grazing permit. A copy of the proposed grazing permit, including terms and conditions, is enclosed. This grazing permit would be renewed upon renewal of your base property lease, not to exceed ten years.

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 will be sent to anyone who has expressed an interest in the Big Springs Allotment. (See the attached map for the location of the allotment.) **The interested public is being asked to provide comment by January 6, 1997.**

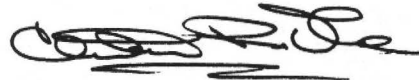
The terms and conditions outlined in the enclosed grazing permit are identical to those which on the grazing permit approved on October 4, 1996. A portion of the Goshute Wild Horse Herd Management Area is located on the eastern edge of this allotment.

The terms and conditions outlined are consistent with the Wells Resource Management Plan. The impacts of livestock grazing under these terms and conditions have been analyzed in the Wells Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement. An Administrative Determination of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance has been completed and is available at the Elko District Office. A monitoring evaluation of the Big Springs Allotment has been initiated and is planned to be completed in 1997.

If we propose to change the terms and conditions of your grazing permit, following the comment period, we will keep you and other interested parties informed.

If you have any questions please contact Karl Scheetz, your assigned Rangeland Management Specialist, at (702) 753-0280.

Sincerely yours,



CLINTON R. OKE  
Assistant District Manager  
Renewable Resources

Enclosures: as stated above

cc: See list attached

cc: list

BSR, Inc.  
Scott Egbert  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Nevada Division of Wildlife  
Nevada Department of Agriculture  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Nevada Commission for the Preserv. of Wild Horses  
Elko County Commissioners  
Sierra Club, Toyiabe Chapter  
Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)  
Wild Horse Organized Assistance (WHOA)  
Animal Protection Institute (API)  
Rutgers School of Law - Newark  
Resource Concepts, Inc.  
Nevada Cattlemen's Association  
Wells Resource Area Grazing Assn.  
Kenneth Jones  
Von Sorenson  
Kathryn Cushman  
Federal Land Bank  
Elko Co. Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife  
The Nature Conservancy

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

GRAZING PERMIT

STATE NV  
OFFICE 015  
OPERATOR NUMBER 271004  
PREFERENCE CODE 03  
DATE PRINTED 12/19/96  
TERM 01/01/1997 TO 05/15/1999

PARASOL RANCHING LLC  
BIG SPRINGS RANCH  
LARRY SCHUTTE  
HC 67 BOX 2039 OASIS  
WELLS, NV 89835

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
WELLS RESOURCE AREA  
3900 EAST IDAHO ST.  
ELKO, NV 89801-4611

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THIS GRAZING PERMIT IS OFFERED TO YOU BASED ON YOUR RECOGNIZED GRAZING PREFERENCE ON THE PUBLIC LANDS AND/OR OTHER LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE BLM. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE GRAZING USE TO THE EXTENT OF YOUR ACTIVE GRAZING PREFERENCE AS SHOWN BELOW UPON YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND YOUR PAYMENT OF GRAZING FEES.  
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ALLOT

PASTURE	LIVESTOCK		GRAZING PERIOD		TYPE	AUM'S
	NUMBER	KIND	BEGIN	END	%PL USE	
04306 BIG SPRINGS	1576	CATTLE	03/01	02/28	68 ACTIVE	12860
FENCED FEDERAL RANGE	25	CATTLE	03/01	03/31	100 ACTIVE	25

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

GRAZING IS PROHIBITED ON WHITE SAGE AND SALTBUSH AREAS BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.

YOU SHALL SUBMIT ACTUAL USE REPORTS FOR THE BIG SPRINGS ALLOTMENT THAT DESCRIBES GRAZING USE BY LIVESTOCK NUMBER, DATES-OF-USE, AND PASTURE (OR GEOGRAPHIC AREA). SUBMIT YOUR BIG SPRINGS USE RECORD BY NOVEMBER 15, ANNUALLY - DESCRIBE ALL GRAZING USE MADE FROM NOVEMBER 1 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR THROUGH OCTOBER 31 OF THE CURRENT YEAR. CONTACT YOUR WELLS AREA RANGE CONSERVATIONIST FOR MORE INFORMATION.

YOUR GRAZING USE AREA WILL BE LIMITED TO THAT AREA EAST OF THE CREST OF THE PEQUOP MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF I-80 AND EAST OF THE RANGELINE THAT SEPARATES R.65 E. FROM R.66 E. NORTH OF I-80 AS OUTLINED IN THE RANGE-LINE AGREEMENT SIGNED AND AUTHORIZED ON 09-05-90.

THIS GRAZING PERMIT EXPIRES ON MAY 15, 1999, AND MAY BE RENEWED UPON RENEWAL OF YOUR BASE PROPERTY LEASE, NOT TO EXCEED 10 YEARS.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING IS LIMITED TO SALT, MINERAL AND/OR PROTEIN SUPPLEMENTS IN BLOCK, GRANULAR OR LIQUID FORM. SUCH SUPPLEMENTS MUST BE PLACED AT LEAST 1/4 MILE FROM LIVE WATERS (SPRINGS, STREAMS,

AND 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 BY THE AREA MANAGER.

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.

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ALLOTMENT SUMMARY (AUM'S)

ALLOT	P R E F E R E N C E		
	ACTIVE	SUSP	TOTAL
04306 BIG SPRINGS	12887		12887

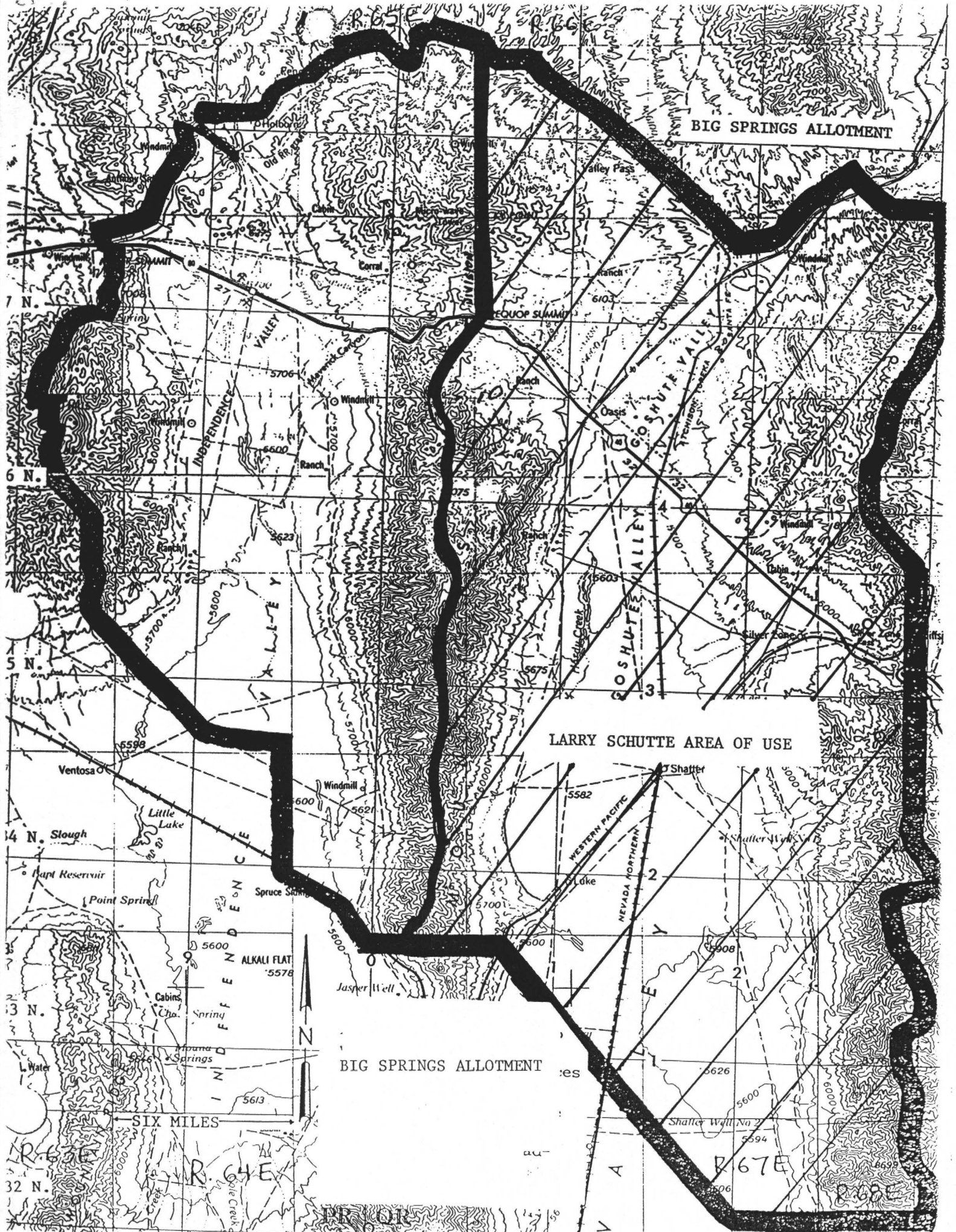
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THIS PERMIT ; 1. CONVEYS NO RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST HELD BY THE UNITED STATES IN ANY LANDS OR RESOURCES AND 2. IS SUBJECT TO (A) MODIFICATION, SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION AS REQUIRED BY LAND PLANS AND APPLICABLE LAW; (B) ANNUAL REVIEW AND TO MODIFICATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS APPROPRIATE; AND (C) THE TAYLOR GRAZING ACT, AS AMENDED, THE FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT, AS AMENDED, THE PUBLIC RANGELANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS NOW OR HEREAFTER PROMULGATED THEREUNDER BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

ACCEPTED:

SIGNATURE OF PERMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

AREA MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_





BIG SPRINGS ALLOTMENT

LARRY SCHUTTE AREA OF USE

BIG SPRINGS ALLOTMENT

SIX MILES

R. 67E

ELY District

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Plan/Schedule

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ELY DISTRICT ALLOTMENT EVALUATION DECISION SCHEDULE

	Allotment Name	Evaluation	MUD	Category	Herd Management Area
1996	Schell Geographic Area				
	Oreana Springs	Complete 1996	Issue FMUD 1996	M	Seaman
	Timber Mountain	"	"	C	Seaman
	North Hiko 6 mile	"	"	C	Seaman
	Middle Coal Valley	"	"	C	Seaman
	Bird Springs	"	"	C	Seaman
	Coal Valley	"	"	C	Seaman
	Needles	"	"	C	Seaman
	Seaman Springs	"	"	C	Seaman
	W. Timber Mtn.	"	"	C	Seaman
	East Water Gap	"	"	C	Seaman
	Fox Mountain	"	"	C	Seaman
	Hardy Springs		Issue FMUD	M	White River
	Sunnyside		"	M	Dry Lake, Seaman
	Deep Creek		"	C	Antelope
	Forrest Moon		"	M	Seaman
	Needles		Issue FMUD	C	

	Allotment Name	Evaluation	MUD	Category	Herd Management Area
1996	Egan Geographic Area				
	Moorman Ranch	Complete 1996	Issue PMUD	I	Buck and Bald Monte Cristo
	Cave Valley Ranch	"	'	I	
	Haggerty Wash	"	"	M	
	Dark Peak	"	"	I	
	Cove	"	"	M	White River
	Copper Flat	"	'	M	



Allotment Name	Evaluation	MUD	Category	Herd Management Area	
1996	Caliente Geographic Area				
	Cottonwood	Complete 1996	Issue PMUD		Clover Mountain
	Pennsylvania	"	"		Clover Mountain
	Sheep Flat	"	"		Clover Mountain
	Clover Creek	"	"		Clover Creek
	Mustang Flat	"	"		Clover Creek
	Sawmill Canyon	"	"		Clover Creek
	Sandhills	"	"		Clover Mountain

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1997	Egan Geographic Area				
	Moorman Ranch		Issue FMUD	I	Buck and Bald Monte Cristo
	Cave Valley Ranch		"	I	
	Haggerty Wash		"	M	
	Dark Peak		"	I	
	Cove		"	M	White River
	Copper Flat		"	M	
	Cherry Creek	Complete		I	Antelope, Butte, Cherry Ck.
	Maverik Spring	"		I	Buck and Bald
	Ruby Valley	"		I	Buck and Bald
	North Butte	"		I	Buck and Bald
	Huesser Mtn.	"		M	
	Indian Creek	"		M	Cherry Creek
	Goshute Creek	"		M	Cherry Creek
	Cattle Camp/Cave Valley	"		I	
	Tamberlaine				
	Connors Summit				

	Allotment Name	Evaluation	MUD	Category	Herd Management Area
<b>1998</b>	<b>Egan Geographic Area</b>				
	Cherry Creek		Issue FMUD	I	Antelope, Butte, Cherry Ck.
	Maverick Spring		"	I	Buck and Bald
	Ruby Valley		"	I	Buck and Bald
	North Butte		"	I	Buck and Blad
	Huesser Mtn.		"	M	
	Indian Creek		"	M	Cherry Creek
	Goshute Creek		"	M	Cherry Creek
	Cattle Camp/Cave Valley		"	I	
	Big Rock Seeding	Complete		M	
	Strawberry	"		M	
	Gallagher Gap	"		M	
	Goat Ranch	"		M	
	Lake Area	"		I	

	Allotment Name	Evaluation	MUD	Category	Herd Management Area
1999	Egan Geographic Area				
	Giroux Wash	Complete		I	
	Indian Jake	"		I	Jake's Wash
	Schellbourne	"		M	Antelope
	Cold Springs	"		M	
	Tom Plain	"		C	Jake's Wash
	Big Creek Seeding		Issue FMUD		
	Strawberry		"	M	
	Gallager Gap		"	M	
	Goat Ranch		"	M	
	Lake Area		"	I	

	Allotment Name	Evaluation	MUD	Category	Herd Management Area
<b>2000</b>	<b>Egan Geographic Area</b>				
	Giroux Wash		Issue FMUD	I	
	Indian Jake		"	I	Jake's Wash
	Schellbourne		"	M	Antelope
	Cold Springs		"	M	
	Tom Plain		"	C	Jake's Wash





Allotment Name	Evaluation	MUD	Category	Herd Management Area	
1998	Schell Geographic Area				
	Bastian Creek	Complete	Issue FMUD	M	
	Becky Springs		"	M	Antelope
	Chokecherry		"	M	
	Crescent	Complete		M	
	Majors		"	M	
	Meadow Creek	Complete	PMUD	M	
	Muncy Creek		"	M	
	Scotty Meadows		FMUD	M	
	Smith Creek	Complete	PMUD	M	
	Tippet Pass		FMUD	M	
	Willow Springs		PMUD	M	
	Worthington Mtn.	Complete	PMUD	M	
	Indian George	Complete	FMUD	C	Moriah
	Pleasant Valley	Complete	FMUD	C	Moriah
	Mallory Springs	Complete	FMUD	C	Moriah
	Stephens Creek	Complete	FMUD	C	
	Taft Creek	Complete		C	
	Pine Creek	Complete	FMUD	C	
	Negro Creek	Complete	FMUD	C	





	Allotment Name	Evaluation	MUD	Category	Herd Management Area
1999	Caliente Geographic Area				
	Rabbit Spring		Issue FMUDs		Miller Flat
	Sheep Spring		"		Miller Flat
	Uvada		"		Miller Flat
	Oak Wells		"		Miller Flat
	Clover Creek		"		Miller Flat
	Sheep Flat		"		Miller Flat
	Peck	Complete			Little Mountain
	Little Mountain	"			Little Mountain
	Buckboard	"			Little Mountain
	Panaca Cattle	"			Little Mountain
	White Hills	"			Little Mountain
	Roadside	"			Little Mountain



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2000	Caliente Geographic Area				
	Peck		Issue FMUDs		Little Mountain
	Little Mountain		"		Little Mountain
	Buckboard		"		Little Mountain
	Panaca Cattle		"		Little Mountain
	White Hills		"		Little Mountain
	Roadside		"		Little Mountain

Evaluation and Multiple Use Decision  
 Schedule for Caliente Field Station as of 11-25-96

HMA/Allotment	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<b>Applewhite HMA</b> Applewhite			Evals & PMUDs	FMUDs	
<b>Blue Nose Peak HMA</b> Henrie Complex White Rock Garden Spring		Evals & PMUDs	FMUDs		
<b>Clover Creek HMA</b> Clover Creek Sawmill Canyon Mustang Flat Oak Springs	Evals P & FMUDs				
<b>Clover Mountain HMA</b> Sheep Flat Cottonwood Pennsylvania Sand Hills	Evals P & FMUDs				
<i>New Drafts</i> <b>Deer Lodge Canyon HMA</b> Deer Lodge Condor Canyon N4/N5 McGuffy Rabbit Spring Mahogany Peak				Evals & PMUDs	FMUDs
<b>Delamar HMA</b> Delamar Oak Springs Lower Riggs Rainbow			Evals & PMUDs	FMUDs	
<b>Highland Peak HMA</b> Ely Springs Sheep Bennett Spring Black Canyon Klondike Highland Peak Pioche				Evals & PMUDs	FMUDs

HMA/Allotment	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<b>Little Mountain HMA</b> Peck Little Mountain Buckboard Panaca Cattle White Hills Roadside		Evals & PMUDs	FMUDs		
<b>Meadow Valley HMA</b> Henrie Complex Schlarman	Evals P & FMUDs				
<b>Miller Flat HMA</b> Rabbit Spring Sheep Spring Uvada Oak Wells Clover Creek Sheep Flat		Evals & PMUDs	FMUDs		
<b>Mormon Mountain HMA</b> Mormon Peak Henrie Complex White Rock	Fit into schedule depending on outcome of LUP ammendment.				
<b>Rattlesnake HMA</b> Rattlesnake Oak Springs				Evals & PMUDs	FMUDs





COMMISSION FOR THE  
PRESERVATION OF WILD HORSES

1105 Terminal Way  
Suite 209

Reno, Nevada 89502  
(702) 688-2626

January 16, 1997

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

Subject: Big Springs Permit Transfer - Goshute HMA

Dear Ms. Hankins:

Thank you for the notice concerning the transfer of the Big Springs Allotment within the Goshute Wild Horse Area. We were unable to find previous correspondence concerning this allotment in our files. Therefore, we have several questions in regards to the management of range conditions within this herd area.

The Wells Resource Management Plan amendment for wild horses included strict criteria to determine appropriate management levels for its wild horse herds. Is there a key management area for wild horses within this allotment?

The notice makes no reference to the specific multiple use decision that provided supportive rationale for this permit or transfer. Often the Bureau makes significant changes in permit transfers, there is no evidence that any changes have been made since the land use plan.

We would appreciate any additional information to better understand the District's effort to better manage wild horse habitat with livestock authorization for this permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catherine Barcomb".

CATHERINE BARCOMB  
Executive Director