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AREA MANAGER'S PROPOSED DECISION

This proposed decision will address a proposed boundary change between the Elevenmile Flat and Squaw Valley Allotments. This decision will also address five transfer applications involving Ellison Ranching Company and the Spanish Ranch, Squaw Valley, Elevenmile Flat, Jakes Creek, and Whitehouse Group Allotments. See the enclosed Maps 1 and 2 for locations of the allotments.

Elevenmile Flat -- Squaw Valley Allotment Boundary Revision

Prior to 1994, the allotment boundary between the Squaw Valley and Elevenmile Flat Allotments was not fenced. In 1993, a Cooperative Agreement was finalized between the Bureau of Land Management and Ellison Ranching Company to construct a fence near the existing allotment boundary to provide protection to the Evans Creek Seeding and to provide a fenced boundary for these two allotments. This fence was completed in the fall of 1994. The grazing regulations provide the authorized officer the opportunity to designate or adjust grazing allotment boundaries after consultation with the affected grazing permittee, the State agencies responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public (43 CFR 4110.2-4). See the enclosed Map 3 for the location of the current and proposed allotment boundaries.

Proposed Decision

It is my proposed decision to modify the allotment boundary between the Elevenmile Flat and Squaw Valley Allotments in accordance with 43 CFR 4110.2-4. The permitted grazing use for each allotment as a result of this adjustment of allotment boundary will remain as currently licensed and shown below:

AUMs	Elevenmile Flat Allotment	Squaw Valley Allotment
Permitted Use	1,542	26,796
Suspended AUMs	552	11,279

In the event of future adjustments in permitted grazing use in the Elevenmile Flat or Squaw Valley Allotments, the resultant adjustment of grazing privileges in either allotment will not affect permitted grazing use in the adjoining allotment or be a cause for a readjudication of the range.

Approval of Grazing Transfers and Issuance of Term Permit

Requests for transfer of grazing privileges

1. On September 15, 1994 and February 2, 1995 the Bureau received two applications to transfer Ellison Ranching Company's grazing privileges on the Spanish Ranch, Squaw Valley, Elevenmile Flat, Jakes Creek, and Whitehouse Allotments to Ellison Ranching Company. The intent of these transfer applications was to redescribe the base property and to limit base property to the actual ranch headquarters. Privately owned lands within grazing allotments would no longer be listed as part of the base property. The new base property descriptions meet the base property requirements outlined in 43 CFR 4110.2-1. The following is the extent of the permitted use proposed to be transferred.

<i>ALLOTMENT</i>	<i>PERMITTED USE (AUMs)</i>
Spanish Ranch	22,145
Squaw Valley	26,796
Elevenmile Flat	1,542
Jakes Creek	987
Whitehouse	156

2. In June 1995, Ellison Ranching Company sold the Squaw Valley, Whitehouse, and Upper and Lower Clover Ranches to Barrick Gold Exploration. Barrick Gold Exploration sold these properties to Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. then leased these properties to Ellison Ranching Company for a period of eight years.

On June 2, 1995 the Bureau received three applications to transfer grazing privileges on Squaw Valley, Elevenmile Flat, Jakes Creek, and Whitehouse Allotments (1) from Ellison Ranching Company to Barrick Gold Exploration Inc. based on the sale of base property, (2) from Barrick Gold Exploration Inc. to Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. based on the sale of base property, (3) from Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. to Ellison Ranching Company based on the

lease of base property. The following is the extent of the permitted use proposed to be transferred.

<i>ALLOTMENT</i>	<i>PERMITTED USE (AUMs)</i>
Squaw Valley	26,796
Elevenmile Flat	1,542
Jakes Creek	987
Whitehouse	156

In addition, Ellison Ranching Company has an exchange-of-use agreement within the Little Humboldt Allotment for lands leased by them. This agreement authorizes 800 sheep from 4/16 to 5/31. The exchange-of-use agreement expires 2/28/2004 which coincides with the expiration of the base property lease held by Ellison Ranching Company.

Summary of grazing use by permittees within allotments

Ellison Ranching Company is authorized to graze on three additional allotments where the grazing preference is not affected by any requests to transfer grazing privileges: Andrae, Bucket Flat, and Wildhorse Group Allotments.

Ellison Ranching Company is the sole permittee in the Squaw Valley, Elevenmile Flat, and Whitehouse Allotments. Jakes Creek, Spanish Ranch, Andrae, Bucket Flat, Wildhorse Group, and Little Humboldt Allotments are common allotments. Hammond Ranches, Inc. (413 AUMs active use) and Kenneth Buckingham (210 AUMs active use) have grazing permits in the Jakes Creek Allotment. Nelo Mori has a grazing permit for 56 AUMs active use in Spanish Ranch Allotment, 94 AUMs active use in Andrae Allotment, and 44 AUMs active use in Bucket Flat Allotment. In the Wildhorse Group Allotment Raymond Mendive has a grazing permit for 740 AUMs active use, Annie Vega Estate for 210 AUMs active use, and RJD Cattle Company for 3,175 AUMs active use. Hammond Ranches, Inc. has a grazing permit in the Little Humboldt Allotment for 8,279 AUMs active use.

Ellison Ranching Company historically had suspended AUMs in four of the five allotments to be permitted on their term permit, which are now documented in the Terms and Conditions of the term permit.

Land Use Plans/Environmental Impact Statements

The Elko Resource Management Plan (Elko District) Record of Decision, which addressed public lands in the Rock Creek Allotment (Spanish Ranch and Squaw Valley Allotments), Andrae, Bucket Flat, and Wildhorse Group was signed March 11, 1987. The livestock management prescription in the Record of Decision indicated that livestock would initially be licensed at the three to five year average of 305,247 AUMs in the Resource Area. It also indicated that there would be no change in active preference unless adequately supported by

monitoring. The initial stocking rate in the Rangeland Program Summary for all five allotments is the same as the current active use.

The Paradise-Denio (Winnemucca District) Grazing Environmental Impact Statement and the Paradise-Denio Management Framework Plan which addressed public lands in the Elevenmile Flat, Jakes Creek, and Whitehouse Allotments, were signed on September 18, 1981 and August 6, 1982, respectively. The livestock management prescription in the Record of Decision documents indicated that livestock would initially be licensed at 101,689 AUMs in the Resource Area. It also indicated that there would be no change in active preference unless adequately supported by monitoring. The initial stocking rate in the Rangeland Program Summary for all three allotments is the same as the current active use.

Allotment Evaluation Schedule

Spanish Ranch, Squaw Valley, Jakes Creek, and Little Humboldt Allotments were classified as "I" (improve) allotments. Andrae and Wildhorse Group Allotments were classified as "M" (maintain) allotments. Elevenmile Flat, Whitehouse, and Bucket Flat were classified as "C" (custodial) allotments. None of these allotments have a management plan or multiple use decision. An evaluation of the Spanish Ranch and Squaw Valley Allotments is scheduled to be completed in late 1995, Little Humboldt is scheduled to be completed in 1996, the Andrae Allotment is scheduled for evaluation in 1997, and Jakes Creek and Wildhorse Group are scheduled for 1998. Because Elevenmile Flat, Whitehouse, and Bucket Flat are custodial allotments, no allotment evaluations are currently planned.

Period of Use

See the enclosed long-term grazing permit for the period of use for the Spanish Ranch, Squaw Valley, Elevenmile Flat, Jakes Creek, Whitehouse, Andrae, Bucket Flat, Wildhorse Group, and Little Humboldt Allotments. The period of use outlined is generally that which has historically been licensed or permitted for these allotments.

Proposed Decision

It is my proposed decision to (1) offer you the enclosed permit in accordance with 43 CFR 4130.2 (f) because you have signed the "Acceptance of Terms and Conditions" on December 8, 1995, (2) approve the applications to transfer grazing privileges, and (3) issue the grazing permit enclosed and described below. The grazing permit enclosed and described below also includes the other allotments within the Elko District for which Ellison Ranching Company has been previously licensed or permitted. The term of this grazing permit will be from March 1, 1996 to February 28, 2004.

<i>Allotment/ Pasture</i>	<i>Livestock Number & Kind</i>	<i>Begin Period</i>	<i>End Period</i>	<i>%PL</i>	<i>Type Use</i>	<i>AUMs</i>
Spanish Ranch						
Native	1,005 Cattle	3/25	3/31	77	permitted	178
Native	4,209 Cattle	4/1	9/30	77	permitted	19,499
Native	1,000 Cattle	10/1	10/15	77	permitted	380
Native	100 Cattle	10/16	11/30	77	permitted	11
Winters Ck.	400 Cattle	4/1	9/30	72	suspended	1,734
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						<u>22,145</u>
Squaw Valley						
Native	1,000 Cattle	3/16	4/15	77	permitted	785
Native	3,632 Cattle	4/16	10/15	77	permitted	16,826
Native	1,000 Cattle	10/16	10/31	77	permitted	405
Native	100 Cattle	11/1	11/30	77	permitted	76
Native	17 Horses	5/1	11/30	77	permitted	92
Native	8,104 Sheep	4/8	7/15	77	permitted	4,062
Native	4,870 Sheep	10/21	11/20	77	permitted	764
Midas Sdg.	225 Cattle	4/1	6/30	85	permitted	572
Midas Sdg.	194 Cattle	11/1	11/30	85	permitted	163
Rock Ck Sdg.	130 Cattle	4/16	8/31	100	permitted	590
Rock Ck Sdg.	115 Cattle	9/1	10/31	100	permitted	231
Horseshoe Sdg.	673 Cattle	4/1	6/30	100	permitted	2,013
Horseshoe Sdg.	10 Horses	4/16	11/30	100	permitted	75
FFR	12 Cattle	3/1	2/28	100	permitted	142
Total						<u>26,796</u>
Elevenmile Flat						
	8,000 Sheep	4/1	4/20	39	permitted	410
	4,537 Cattle	4/1	4/17	39	permitted	989
	150 Cattle	4/18	4/30	39	permitted	25
	2,000 Sheep	11/1	11/20	39	permitted	103
	2,000 Sheep	11/21	2/15	39	permitted	15
Total						<u>1,542</u>
Jakes Creek	3,667 Sheep	5/1	6/15	89	permitted	987
Whitehouse	122 Cattle	3/10	4/17	100	permitted	156
Andrae						
	1,413 Cattle	4/1	6/30	100	permitted	4,227
	15 Cattle	7/1	9/30	100	permitted	45
	32 Horses	5/1	11/4	100	permitted	198
Total						<u>4,470</u>

<i>Allotment/ Pasture</i>	<i>Livestock Number & Kind</i>	<i>Begin Period</i>	<i>End Period</i>	<i>%PL</i>	<i>Type Use</i>	<i>AUMs</i>
Bucket Flat	41 Horses	5/1	8/31	87	permitted	144
Wildhorse Group	115 Cattle	6/10	8/31	73	permitted	229
	1,228 Sheep	6/22	10/24	73	permitted	<u>737</u>
Total						<u>966</u>

Terms and 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 permitted use for the allotment(s) is not exceeded and the total number of permitted cattle or sheep AUMs described below is not exceeded.

Allotment	AUMs		
	Maximum Cattle	Maximum Sheep	Total Permitted Use
Spanish Ranch (while the Mahogany Springs Exclosure is closed to grazing)	20,361	250	20,411
Spanish Ranch (after the Mahogany Springs Exclosure is opened to grazing)	22,095	250	22,145
Squaw Valley	23,796	5,000	26,796
Elevenmile Flat	1,014	800	1,542

Until the Spanish Ranch and Squaw Valley Native Pastures are physically separated by a fence or Ellison Ranching Company no longer controls the private land in both of these allotments, the percent public land for these two pastures will be calculated on a combined basis at 77%. (The percent public land for these two pastures when calculated separately is 74% for Spanish Ranch and 82% for the Squaw Valley Native Pasture.)

Terms and Conditions

Spanish Ranch Allotment:

As outlined in the Area Manager's Decision dated March 3, 1995, 1,734 AUMs of active use within the Winters Creek Pasture of the Spanish Ranch Allotment are placed in suspension following the Mahogany Springs Fire. These AUMs will be converted to permitted use March 1, 1997 or March 1, 1998, as specified in the Decision.

Squaw Valley Allotment:

Use within the Midas, Rock Creek, and Horseshoe Seedings may be solely in the spring, or fall, or may be made in both the spring and fall, provided total use does not exceed the carrying capacity of the seedings.

Grazing use within the Midas, Rock Creek, and Horseshoe Seedings may be less than the total carrying capacity of these seedings. Ellison Ranching Company may substitute up to 500 AUMs in the Native Pasture of the Squaw Valley Allotment over those listed on the term permit for the balance of AUMs unused in the seeding pastures, provided total use within the Squaw Valley Allotment does not exceed the total permitted use.

Elevenmile Flat Allotment:

In the late fall/winter, sheep are trailed from private alfalfa fields along the county road and across the Elevenmile Flat Allotment. This trail use does not exceed more than three days during the period from 11/21 to 2/15.

Bucket Flat Allotment:

There is a historic sheep trail through the Bucket Flat Allotment. Ellison uses this trail en route to their summer range on the Humboldt National Forest. The permittee is required to keep sheep within ¼ mile of each side of the designated driveway. The permittee is required to follow the designated historical driveway. The beginning and end dates of this trailing are generally 6/15 to 7/15 in the spring and 10/1 to 10/25 in the fall. This trailing use will be applied for and approved in advance.

Sheep will be trailed at least five miles per day.

There will be no overnight stops in the Bucket Flat Allotment.

All Allotments:

In the fall, sheep will not be allowed to bed down within ¼ mile of live water.

In the fall sheep will not be allowed to bed on the same bedding grounds used during the spring trailing or grazing.

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

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), troughs, wet or dry meadows, and aspen stands.

All riparian exclosures, including spring development exclosures, are closed to livestock grazing 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.

Ellison Ranching Company's historical suspended non-use is listed by allotment below:

Spanish Ranch Allotment	8,398 AUMs
Squaw Valley Allotment	11,279 AUMs
Elevenmile Flat Allotment	552 AUMs
Jakes Creek	425 AUMs
Whitehouse	0 AUMs
Andrae	43 AUMs
Bucket Flat	87 AUMs
Wildhorse Group	0 AUMs

Modification of the allotment boundary between the Elevenmile Flat and Squaw Valley Allotments and approval of the transfer applications and issuance of a term permit is consistent with the Elko Resource Management Plan and the Paradise-Denio Grazing Environmental Impact Statement. The transferee, Ellison Ranching Company, meets all qualifications of 43 CFR 4110.1, and this transfer complies with the regulations governing transfers of grazing privileges and issuance of permits outlined in 43 CFR 4110.2-1, 4110.2-2 and 4110.2-3. Modification of the allotment boundary complies with the regulations governing allotment boundary changes outlined in 43 CFR 4110.2-4.

Any applicant, permittee, lessee or other affected interest may protest this proposed decision under 43 CFR 4160.1, in person or in writing to David J. Vandenberg, Acting Area Manager, P. O. Box 831, Elko, Nevada, 89803 within 15 days after receipt of the decision. The protest, if filed, should clearly and concisely state the reason(s) as to why the proposed decision is in error.

In the absence of a protest, the proposed decision will become the final decision of the authorized officer without further notice.

Any applicant, permittee, lessee or other person whose interest is adversely affected by the final decision may file an appeal and petition for stay of the decision pending final determination on appeal. The appeal and petition for stay must be filed in the office of the authorized officer, as noted above, within 30 days following receipt of the final decision, or 30 days after the date the proposed decision becomes final.

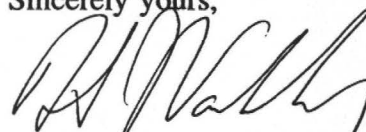
The appeal shall state the reason(s), clearly and concisely, why the appellant thinks the final decision is in error.

Should you wish to file a motion for stay, the appellant shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied.
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits.
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

As noted above, the petition for stay must be filed in the office of the authorized officer at the same time as the appeal.

Sincerely yours,



DAVID J. VANDENBERG, Acting Manager
Elko Resource Area

Enclosures: as stated above

cc:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Natural Resources Defense Council
Nevada Cattlemen's Association
Board of County Commissioners, Elko Co.
NV Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Nevada State Dept. of Agriculture
Priscilla Layton Family Partnership
Wild Horse Organized Assistance, Dawn Lappin
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Nevada Land Action Association
George Flynn
Animal Protection Institute
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Humane Society of the United States
Trout Unlimited
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Petan Company of Nevada, John Jackson
Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.
Paradise-Denio Resource Area, BLM
John Fraser, Wildhorse Cattle Company
Sierra Nevada PCA & Intermountain FLBA
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Les McKenzie, HTT Resource Advisors
International Society for the Protection of Mustangs & Burros

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UNITED STATES
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GRAZING PERMIT

STATE NV
OFFICE 014
OPERATOR NUMBER 271529
PREFERENCE CODE 03
DATE PRINTED 12/11/95
TERM 03/01/1996 TO 02/28/2004

ELLISON RANCHING CO.

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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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.

ALLOT ----- PASTURE -----	LIVESTOCK NUMBER KIND -----	GRAZING PERIOD BEGIN END -----	TYPE %PL USE -----	AUM"S -----
01001 ANDRAE	1413 CATTLE	04/01 06/30	100 ACTIVE	4227
	15 CATTLE	07/01 09/30	100 ACTIVE	45
	32 HORSE	05/01 11/04	100 ACTIVE	198
01002 BUCKET FLAT	41 HORSE	05/01 08/31	87 ACTIVE	144
01009 ELEVEN MILE FLAT	8000 SHEEP	04/01 04/20	39 ACTIVE	410
	4537 CATTLE	04/01 04/17	39 ACTIVE	989
	150 CATTLE	04/18 04/30	39 ACTIVE	25
	2000 SHEEP	11/01 11/20	39 ACTIVE	103
	2000 SHEEP	11/21 02/15	39 CUSTOD GRAZING	15
01016 JAKES CREEK	3667 SHEEP	05/01 06/15	89 ACTIVE	987
01023 SPANISH RANCH	1005 CATTLE	03/25 03/31	77 ACTIVE	178
NATIVE	4209 CATTLE	04/01 09/30	77 ACTIVE	19499
NATIVE	1000 CATTLE	10/01 10/15	77 ACTIVE	380
NATIVE	100 CATTLE	10/16 11/30	77 ACTIVE	116
NATIVE	1295 SHEEP	06/10 06/27	77 ACTIVE	118
NATIVE	900 SHEEP	06/28 06/28	77 ACTIVE	5
NATIVE	1200 SHEEP	07/09 07/15	77 ACTIVE	43
NATIVE	305 SHEEP	10/05 10/31	77 ACTIVE	42
FENCED FEDERAL RANGE	3 CATTLE	03/01 02/28	100 CUSTOD GRAZING	30
01025 SQUAW VALLEY	1000 CATTLE	03/16 04/15	77 ACTIVE	785

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ALLOT ----- PASTURE -----	LIVESTOCK		GRAZING PERIOD		TYPE		AUM'S -----
	NUMBER	KIND	BEGIN	END	%PL	USE	
01025 SQUAW VALLEY							
NATIVE	3632	CATTLE	04/16	10/15	77	ACTIVE	16826
NATIVE	1000	CATTLE	10/16	10/31	77	ACTIVE	405
NATIVE	100	CATTLE	11/01	11/30	77	ACTIVE	76
NATIVE	17	HORSE	05/01	11/30	77	ACTIVE	92
NATIVE	8104	SHEEP	04/08	07/15	77	ACTIVE	4062
NATIVE	4870	SHEEP	10/21	11/20	77	ACTIVE	764
MIDAS SEEDING	225	CATTLE	04/01	06/30	85	ACTIVE	572
MIDAS SEEDING	194	CATTLE	11/01	11/30	85	ACTIVE	163
ROCK CREEK SEEDING	130	CATTLE	04/16	08/31	100	ACTIVE	590
ROCK CREEK SEEDING	115	CATTLE	09/01	10/31	100	ACTIVE	231
HORSESHOE SEEDING	673	CATTLE	04/01	06/30	100	ACTIVE	2013
HORSESHOE SEEDING	10	HORSE	04/16	11/30	100	ACTIVE	75
FENCED FEDERAL RANGE	12	CATTLE	03/01	02/28	100	CUSTOD GRAZING	142
01034 WHITE HOUSE							
	122	CATTLE	03/10	04/17	100	ACTIVE	156
02125 WILD HORSE GROUP							
	115	CATTLE	06/10	08/31	73	ACTIVE	229
	1228	SHEEP	06/22	10/24	73	ACTIVE	737

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS AUTHORIZED ANNUALLY MAY VARY FROM THOSE LISTED ON THE TERM PERMIT PROVIDED THE TOTAL ACTIVE GRAZING USE IS NOT EXCEEDED AND SUCH USE IS CONSISTENT WITH ACHIEVEMENT OF MULTIPLE USE OBJECTIVES.

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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 PERMITTED USE FOR THE ALLOTMENT(S) IS NOT EXCEEDED AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITTED CATTLE OR SHEEP AUMS DESCRIBED BELOW IS NOT EXCEEDED.

ALLOTMENT	MAX.CATTLE AUMS	MAX.SHEEP AUMS	PERMITTED
SPANISH RANCH (WHILE MAHOGANY SPRINGS EXCLOSURE IS CLOSED TO GRAZING)	20,361	250	20,411
SPANISH RANCH (AFTER THE MAHOGANY SPRINGS EXCLOSURE IS OPENED TO GRAZING)	22,145	250	22,145
SQUAW VALLEY	23,796	5,000	26,796
ELEVENMILE FLAT	1,014	800	1,542

UNTIL THE SPANISH RANCH AND SQUAW VALLEY NATIVE PASTURES ARE PHYSICALLY SEPARATED BY A FENCE OR ELLISON RANCHING COMPANY NO LONGER CONTROLS THE PRIVATE LAND IN BOTH OF THESE ALLOTMENTS, THE PERCENT PUBLIC LAND FOR THESE TWO ALLOTMENTS WILL BE CALCULATED ON A COMBINED BASIS AT 77%. (THE PERCENT PUBLIC LAND FOR THESE TWO ALLOTMENTS WHEN CALCULATED SEPARATELY IS 74% FOR SPANISH RANCH AND 82% FOR THE SQUAW VALLEY NATIVE PASTURE.)

SPANISH RANCH ALLOTMENT

AS OUTLINED IN THE AREA MANAGER'S DECISION DATED MARCH 3, 1995, 1,734 AUMS OF ACTIVE USE WITHIN THE WINTERS CREEK PASTURE OF THE SPANISH RANCH ALLOTMENT ARE PLACED IN SUSPENSION FOLLOWING THE MAHOGANY SPRINGS FIRE. THESE AUMS WILL BE CONVERTED TO PERMITTED USE MARCH 1, 1997 OR MARCH 1, 1998, AS SPECIFIED IN THE DECISION.

WINTERS CK. PASTURE 400 CATTLE 4/1 9/30 72% 1734 AUMS

SQUAW VALLEY ALLOTMENT

USE WITHIN THE MIDAS, ROCK CREEK, AND HORSESHOE SEEDINGS MAY BE SOLELY IN THE SPRING, OR FALL, OR MAY BE MADE IN BOTH THE SPRING AND FALL, PROVIDED TOTAL USE DOES NOT EXCEED THE CARRYING CAPACITY OF THE SEEDINGS.

GRAZING USE WITHIN THE MIDAS, ROCK CREEK, AND HORSESHOE SEEDINGS MAY BE LESS THAN THE TOTAL CARRYING CAPACITY OF THESE SEEDINGS. ELLISON RANCHING COMPANY MAY SUBSTITUTE UP TO 500 AUMS IN THE NATIVE PASTURE OF THE SQUAW VALLEY ALLOTMENT OVER THOSE LISTED ON THE TERM PERMIT FOR THE BALANCE OF AUMS UNUSED IN THE SEEDING PASTURES, PROVIDED TOTAL USE WITHIN THE SQUAW VALLEY ALLOTMENT DOES NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL PERMITTED

OBJECTIVES.

ELEVENMILE FLAT ALLOTMENT

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

IN THE LATE FALL/WINTER, SHEEP ARE TRAILED FROM PRIVATE ALFALFA FIELDS

OPERATOR NUMBER: 271529

ALONG THE COUNTY ROAD AND ACROSS THE ELEVENMILE FLAT ALLOTMENT. THIS TRAIL DOES NOT EXCEED MORE THAN THREE DAYS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 11/1 TO 2/15. THIS USE WILL BE APPLIED FOR AND APPROVED IN ADVANCE.

BUCKET FLAT ALLOTMENT

THERE IS A HISTORIC SHEEP TRAIL THROUGH THE BUCKET FLAT ALLOTMENT. ELLISON RANCHING COMPANY USES THIS TRAIL EN ROUTE TO THEIR SUMMER RANGE ON THE HUMBOLDT NATIONAL FOREST. THE PERMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO KEEP SHEEP WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF EACH SIDE OF THE DESIGNATED DRIVEWAY. THE PERMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE DESIGNATED HISTORICAL DRIVEWAY THE BEGINNING AND END DATES OF THIS TRAILING ARE GENERALLY 6/15 TO 7/15 IN THE SPRING AND 10/1 TO 10/25 IN THE FALL. THIS TRAILING USE WILL BE APPLIED FOR AND APPROVED IN ADVANCE.

SHEEP WILL BE TRAILED AT LEAST FIVE MILES PER DAY.

THERE WILL BE NO OVERNIGHT STOPS IN THE BUCKET FLAT ALLOTMENT.

ALL ALLOTMENTS:

IN THE FALL, SHEEP WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BED DOWN WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF LIVE WATER.

IN THE FALL SHEEP WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BED ON THE SAME BEDDING GROUNDS USED DURING THE SPRING TRAILING OR GRAZING.

ELLISON RANCHING COMPANY'S HISTORICAL SUSPENDED NON-USE IS LISTED BY ALLOTMENT BELOW:

SPANISH RANCH	8,398 AUMS
SQUAW VALLEY	11,279 AIMS
ELEVENMILE FLAT	552 AUMS
JAKES CREEK	425 AUMS
WHITEHOUSE	0 AUMS
ANDRAE	43 AUMS
BUCKET FLAT	87 AUMS
WILDHORSE GROUP	0 AUMS

ACTUAL USE DATA ON ALL PASTURES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THE LAST DAY OF USE.

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), 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.

ALLOTMENT SUMMARY (AUM'S)

ALLOT	P R E F E R E N C E		
	ACTIVE	SUSP	TOTAL
01001 ANDRAE	4470		4470
01002 BUCKET FLAT	144		144
01009 ELEVEN MILE FLAT	1542		1542
01016 JAKES CREEK	987		987
01023 SPANISH RANCH	20411	1734	22145
01025 SQUAW VALLEY	26796		26796
01034 WHITE HOUSE	156		156
02125 WILD HORSE GROUP	966		966

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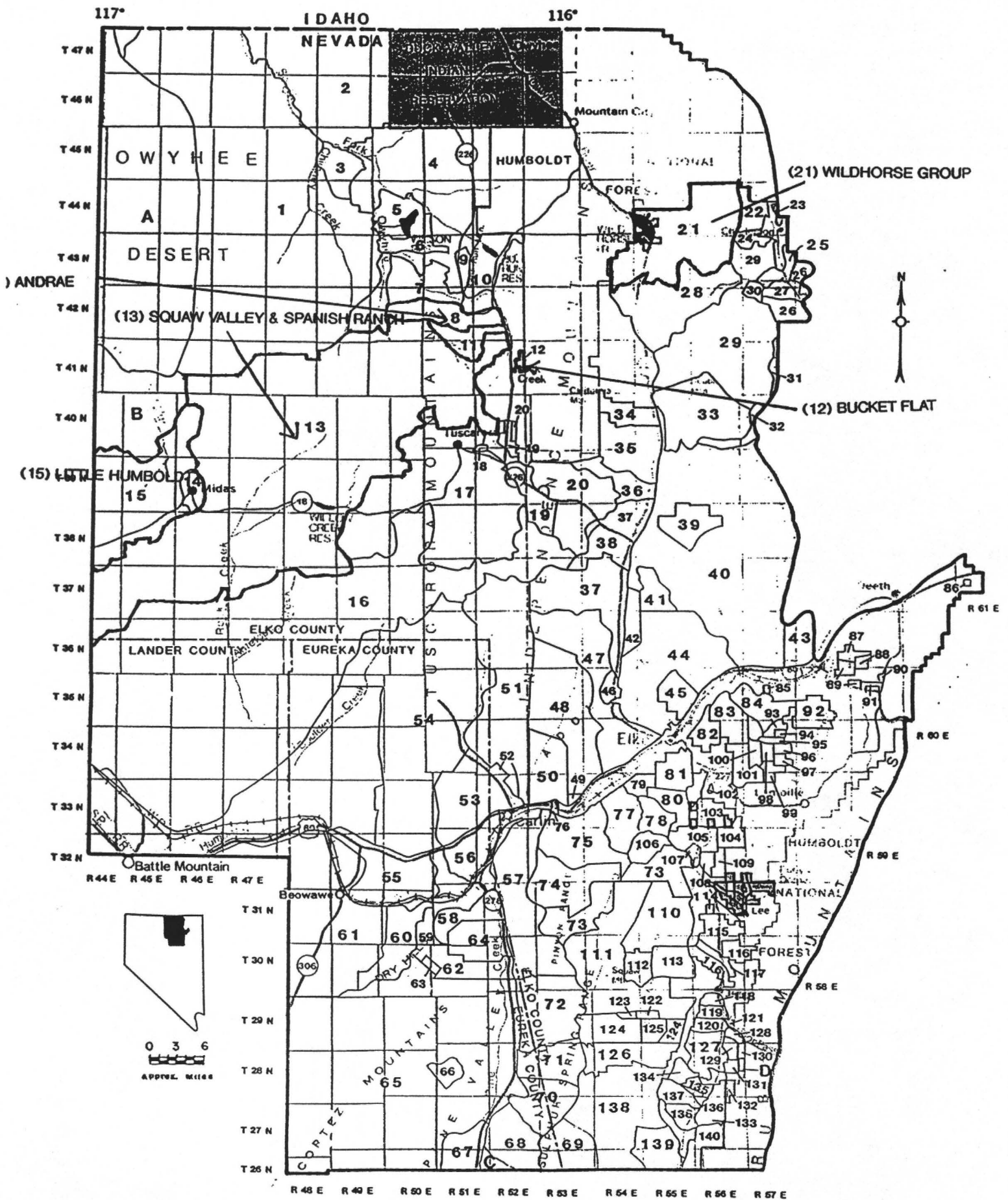
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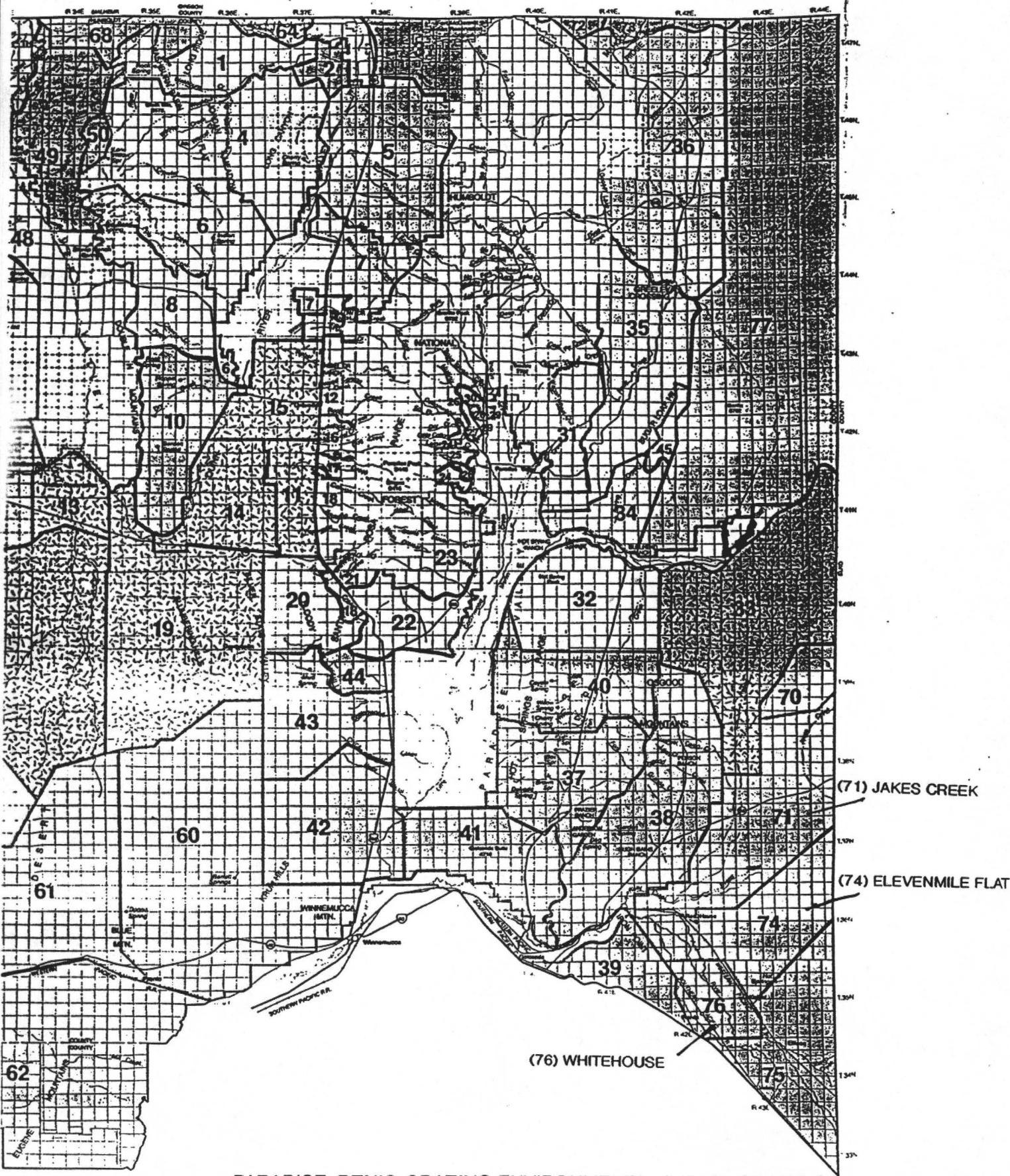
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AREA MANAGER: _____ DATE _____

ELKO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

ALLOTMENT BOUNDARIES





PARADISE-DENIO GRAZING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY

ALLOTMENT BOUNDARIES



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4130 (NV-014)

JAN 11 1996

Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Catherine Barcomb, Executive Director
255 W. Moana Lane, Suite 207A
Reno, NV 89509

Dear Ms. Barcomb:

You indicated in your letter of January 3, 1996, that my proposed decision of December 15, 1995, to adjust the allotment boundary between the Squaw Valley and Elevenmile Flat Allotments and to approve grazing transfers and issue a term grazing permit to Ellison Ranching Company did not assess impacts to wild horses. As indicated in the proposed decision, the term permit to be issued would be a continuation of grazing as currently authorized and outlined in the Elko Resource Management Plan. Therefore, there would be no change to wild horses from the existing situation. The need for adjustments in grazing use, including use by wild horses, are determined through the allotment evaluation process and would be made through the subsequent issuance of a multiple use decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 4110.3

Of the eight allotments involved, only two are located within wild horse herd areas. The Squaw Valley and Spanish Ranch Allotments encompass the Rock Creek Herd Area. As indicated in our scoping letter of January 1995 and additional correspondence to you since that date, we are currently evaluating the Squaw Valley and Spanish Ranch Allotments. We anticipate issuing a draft allotment evaluation for these allotments in 1996.

As indicated in the proposed decision, the grazing regulations provide the authorized officer the opportunity to designate or adjust grazing allotment boundaries after consultation with the affected grazing permittee, the State agencies responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public (43 CFR 4110.2-4). As shown on the map included with the proposed decision, the proposed allotment boundary change is not located within any wild horse herd area. Following approval of any minor boundary adjustments such as this, changes to the Elko Resource Management Plan (RMP) will be noted through routine maintenance actions.

As noted, only the Rock Creek Herd Area is located within the allotments involved in the proposed decision. Appropriate management levels have not been set for this herd area. Appropriate management levels will be determined and established through the allotment evaluation process for the Squaw Valley and Spanish Ranch Allotments as discussed above. We will continue to involve the Commission in this process.

If you have any further questions please contact Kathy McKinstry, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist or Donna Nyrehn, Rangeland Management Specialist.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Vandenberg', written in a cursive style.

DAVID J. VANDENBERG, Acting Manager
Elko Resource Area



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January 19, 1996

Mr. David J. Vandenberg
Elko Resource Area
Bureau of Land Management
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Elko, Nevada 89803

Subject: Squaw Valley/Spanish Ranch Allotment

Dear Mr. Vandenberg:

Thank you for responding to the issues of the Commission concerning the transfer of five grazing permits affecting the Rock Creek Herd Area. As you have stated, the appropriate management level for this herd has not been established. Any action affecting wild horses or their habitat must have supportive data and rationale in an environmental assessment.

We are encouraged that the Squaw Valley and Spanish Ranch Allotments Evaluations are scheduled for 1996. We look forward to reviewing these documents in the near future.

Sincerely,

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

CATHERINE BARCOMB
Executive Director