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In Reply Refer To:
4130 (NV-012)

Egbert Livestock, LLC
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Dear Mr. Egbert:

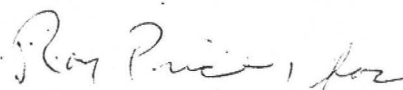
You have submitted proof that you are again leasing the private lands owned by Nevada Land and Resource Company within the Big Springs Allotment. This follows a short lapse in the lease due to a change in land ownership. We are proposing to again give you credit for the forage provided by the leased lands which would change the percent public land on your grazing permit from 96 percent to 56 percent.

The new grazing regulations also require the authorized officer to consult, cooperate, and coordinate with affected permittees, the State agencies having lands or responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public prior to the issuance or renewal of grazing permits (43 Code of Federal Regulations 4130.2(b)). Therefore, a copy of this letter will be sent to anyone who has expressed an interest in the Big Springs Allotment. **The interested public is being asked to provide comment within 15 days of the date of this letter.** You will be notified of any changes to terms and conditions that may be warranted as a result of comments received.

The changes outlined in the terms and conditions 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 please contact Karl Scheetz, your assigned Rangeland Management Specialist at (702) 753-0280.

Sincerely,



CLINTON R. OKE, Assistant District Manager
Renewable Resources

cc: U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Sierra Club, Toiyabe Chapter
Natural Resources Defense Council
Resource Concepts, Inc.
Nevada Department of Agriculture
Nevada Division of Wildlife
Nevada Cattlemen's Association and Nevada Land Action Association
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Board of County Commissioners, Elko
Newmont Gold Company
Animal Protection Institute
Parasol Ranching, LLC
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Kathryn Cushman
Wild Horse Organized Assistance
Federal Land Bank
Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
The Nature Conservancy
Elko Co. Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Wells Resource Area Grazing Assn.
Rutgers Law School
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BSR Associates, Ltd.