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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).

On February 4, 1999, William and Elizabeth Dickinson applied to graze 205 cows on the Lower Seeding in the North Butte Valley Allotment starting 4/15/99. The Wells Resource Management Plan (RMP) describes the livestock grazing period of use in the North Butte Valley Allotment as 5/1 to 12/22. An allotment evaluation was completed in 1989, and a grazing agreement was signed on 2/20/90. The season of use outlined for the Lower Seeding this year is from 5/1 to 6/20. However applications for early turnout into the seedings in the North Butte Valley Allotment have been approved the past few years. The permitted use in the North Butte Valley Allotment is 1,645 AUMs. Although the application requests an early turnout, total AUMs of use would not exceed permitted use.

The North Butte Valley Allotment is a medium sized cattle grazing allotment located in the northern portion of Butte Valley, approximately 50 miles south of Wells, Nevada. The Lower Seeding is located in the northern portion of the allotment (see attached map). A portion of the Maverick/Medicine Herd Management Area (HMA) occurs within this allotment. This allotment receives only incidental to light use by wild horses. Crested wheatgrass provides most of the forage in this pasture and there are no streams or springs in this pasture. The permittee uses a well in the Lower Seeding to water his livestock. Approval of the grazing application is consistent with multiple use objectives for this allotment.

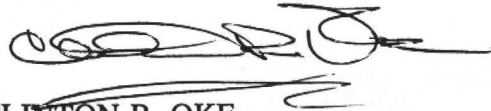
In addition to the existing terms and conditions, the following term and condition will apply:

The early turnout (4/15/98 through 4/31/98) is authorized as change in period of use, and will not result in a permanent change to your grazing permit.

If you have any comments regarding the approval or denial of this application, please provide them 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Oke', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

CLINTON R. OKE,
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Enclosure: As stated above

cc: William and Elizabeth Dickinson
Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
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Nevada Cattlemens Assoc.
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