



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
SURPRISE RESOURCE AREA  
P.O. BOX 460  
CEDARVILLE, CALIFORNIA 96104-0460

3/18/96



IN REPLY REFER TO:

1792(CA-028)  
CA-028-96-09

March 18, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL #P 555 521 491  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Cathy Barcomb  
Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses  
255 West Moana, Suite 207A  
Reno, NV 89509

Dear Cathy:

Enclosed for your review is my Decision for the 1996 grazing plan on the Tuledad Allotment. This proposal was developed at the Tuledad Allotment meeting in late January and following evaluation of the 1995 grazing season. I feel that it continues the pattern of subtle changes to the grazing management applied on the Allotment that lead to improvements in the conditions on the ground. In this case the annual grazing plan decreases the number of riparian and bitterbrush areas receiving summer and fall use by livestock and provides rest for recently burned areas.

The Decision represents the Proposed Action (as mitigated) in the Environmental Assessment.

Please review the attached Decision, Environmental Assessment, two grazing permits for the 1996 Tuledad Annual Grazing Plan. Please direct any questions to Tara DeValois or myself at (916) 279-6101.

We are also actively working on a more comprehensive management plan for the Tuledad Allotment that will serve as a long-term guide to the development of a landscape that would provide sustainable conditions and uses for the Area. This work is being completed in coordination with a Technical Review Team that represents a wide range of view points. The fruits of this effort will be shared with all the interested parties this summer prior to development of an Environmental Impact Statement.

## **PROTEST AND APPEALS PROCEDURES**

Any applicant, permittee, lessee or other affected interest may protest this Proposed Decision under Sec. 43 CFR 4160.1, in person or in writing to the Authorized Officer at

the following address: **Susan T. Stokke, Area Manager, Surprise Resource Area, P.O. Box 460, Cedarville, CA. 96104.** Any protest must be filed 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, this Proposed Decision will become the Final Decision of the Authorized Officer without further notice unless otherwise provided in the Proposed Decision.

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 appeal. The appeal and petition for stay must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at the address stated 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 reasons, clearly and concisely, why the appellant thinks the Final Decision 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.

Sincerely,



Susan T. Stokke  
Surprise Resource Area Manager

Enclosures (4)

1-Decision Record

2-EA (CA-028-96-09)

3-Lazy SJ Ranch Grazing Permit

4- Anita Goodwin/Maxine Jones Permit



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
SURPRISE RESOURCE AREA  
P.O. BOX 460  
CEDARVILLE, CALIFORNIA 96104-0460



IN REPLY REFER TO:

4130(CA-028)

March 14, 1996

## **Tuledad Allotment: Annual Grazing Plan for 1996 Season Decision Record CA-028-96-09**

### **Decision**

It is my decision is to implement the Proposed Action in the attached Environmental Assessment. Additionally the decision includes the mitigation measure that was proposed in the Environmental Assessment.

The Proposed Action identifies grazing management actions for the 1996 grazing season needed accomplish the following short term goals: Provide rest for the Boot Lake pasture, protect areas burned by wildfire over the past two years, continue to minimize livestock use of key bitterbrush stands, maintain residual vegetation on riparian zones. The proposed action would also convert 487 active AUMs from sheep to cattle use at a ratio of 1 cow per 5 sheep with a season of use of April 15 to July 15 each year, and reissue a grazing permit for the Lazy SJ Ranch, one of the seven livestock permittees, for a period of 10 years. The table below provides details of the grazing management and additional requirements.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Proposed Action</b>
Livestock Turnout	Sheep: March 26  Cattle: April 15, w/option of no earlier than April 1 if soil and vegetation conditions warrant and the Area Manger Approves
Sheep Grazing	Sheep scattered throughout lower elevations during April for lambing. Bunched into three bands (1000 sheep per band) and slowly trailed toward western part of allotment until mid-summer. Bands come back on the allotment late summer and leave September 30 to October 15. <b>(see maps in attached environmental assessment)</b>

Cattle Grazing	<p>650 head would be turned out in lower elevations of North Pasture, except in the vicinity of past wildfires. Cattle would be herded to avoid burned areas, and limit concentration. Cattle would be removed from the allotment in first half of July.</p> <p>500 head would be turned out in lower elevations of South pasture and allowed to slowly drift up in elevation and to the west during April and May. When soil and vegetation conditions in the Cottonwood Mtn and Buckhorn Road areas are appropriate for grazing, cattle would be moved into these two areas for June and early July. Cattle would then be herded out of Cottonwood Mountain and Buckhorn Road and into portions of the South Pasture that have not received use at that time. Cattle would stay in the South Pasture until Sept 30 unless utilization levels were anticipated to be exceeded. Cattle would then be moved into portions of the North Pasture outside the burns, the Wire Lakes key bitterbrush area and areas used in the spring by the 650 head. (see maps in attached environmental assessment)</p>
Utilization Standards	<p>4" minimum stubble height on riparian areas at the end of the season.</p> <p>45 percent maximum use on willows</p> <p>moderate use (40-60 percent) on upland herbaceous and woody vegetation except bitterbrush</p> <p>45 percent maximum use on bitterbrush except in key bitterbrush areas</p> <p>15 percent maximum use of bitterbrush in key areas by mid-July</p>
Other stipulations	<p>Rest Boot Lake pasture</p> <p>No salting or sheep bedding in aspen stands</p> <p>No use in Bud Brown, Bare Creek, or Ant Spring exclosures</p>

**Rationale**

Implementation of this decision would provide for additional protection of key riparian areas through rest, grazing during seasons of low impact to riparian vegetation, and raising the residual vegetation requirements. The decision would also reduce the amount of time livestock spend in key bitterbrush areas during the seasons when livestock actively use this important shrub. The recovering wildfire areas would receive protection from potentially damaging levels of livestock use.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

GRAZING PERMIT

STATE CA  
OFFICE 028  
OPERATOR NUMBER 042631  
PREFERENCE CODE 03  
DATE PRINTED 03/18/96  
TERM 03/01/1990 TO 02/28/1995

LAZY SJ RANCH

P.O. BOX  
TWELVE, CA 00000

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
SURPRISE R.A.  
BOX 460  
CEDARVILLE, CA 96104

-----  
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		GRAZING PERIOD		TYPE		ACUM" S
	NUMBER	KIND	BEGIN	END	%PL	USE	
00802 TULEDAD	128	CATTLE	04/01	09/30	95	ACTIVE	732

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

GRAZING USE IN THE TULEDAD ALLOTMENT WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE DECISIONS.  
BILLING WILL BE BASED ON YOUR ACTUAL USE REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF YOUR LAST TAKEOFF DATE ON THE ALLOTMENT.  
ANY INCREASE OR EXTENSION IN GRAZING USE MUST RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER.

OPERATOR NUMBER: 04265

ALLOTMENT SUMMARY (AUM'S)

ALLOT -----	P R E F E R E N C E		
	ACTIVE -----	SUSP -----	TOTAL -----
00802 TULEDAD	733	702	1435

-----  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

GRAZING PERMIT

STATE CA  
OFFICE 028  
OPERATOR NUMBER 042643  
PREFERENCE CODE 03  
DATE PRINTED 03/18/96  
TERM 03/01/1991 TO 02/28/200

GOODWIN, ANITA AND  
JONES, MAXINE  
ANITA GOODWIN  
STAR ROUTE BOX 11  
CEDARVILLE, CA 96104

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
SURPRISE R.A.  
BOX 460  
CEDARVILLE, CA 96104

-----  
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	LIVESTOCK	GRAZING PERIOD	TYPE	
PASTURE	NUMBER KIND	BEGIN END	%PL USE	AUM'S
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00802 TULEDAD	161 CATTLE	04/15 07/15	100 ACTIVE	487

-----  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

GRAZING USE IN THE TULEDAD ALLOTMENT WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TULEDAD AMP AND ALL APPLICABLE DECISIONS. BILLING WILL BE BASED ON YOUR ACTUAL USE REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF YOUR LAST AUTHORIZED TAKEOFF DATE ON THE ALLOTMENT. ANY INCREASE OR EXTENSION IN GRAZING USE MUST RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER.  
-----

OPERATOR NUMBER: 0426±

ALLOTMENT SUMMARY (AUM'S)

ALLOT -----	P R E F E R E N C E		
	ACTIVE -----	SUSP -----	TOTAL -----
00802 TULEDAD	487	703	1190

-----  
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 \_\_\_\_\_