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Dear Reader:

The Eagle Lake Field Office has scheduled a monitoring evaluation for the Twin Peaks Allotment located in the Cal-Neva Planning Unit. The purpose of this monitoring evaluation is to determine if current management practices are resulting in satisfactory progress towards meeting activity plan objectives and Rangeland Health Standards. The evaluation will also review forage allocations for livestock, wild horses and burros. This is accomplished by the analysis and interpretation of resource data, such as rangeland trend information, forage utilization, precipitation, actual use of livestock and wild horses. Based on the findings of the evaluation process, BLM will implement management actions by Multiple Use Decision.

The monitoring evaluation, and Multiple Use Decision are coordinated with the renewal of long term (10 year) permits for the Twin Peaks Allotment permittees. We expect to complete the evaluation process prior to 2000 grazing season.

In the past you were identified as an "interested public" for the Twin Peak Allotment, therefore you will receive evaluation information and will be provided an opportunity to be involved in the decision making process for the management of livestock, wild horses and burro on this allotment.

Comments concerning this issue should be mailed to the Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA, 96130, or you can call Steve Surian, or Ken Visser at 257-0456, during normal business hours.

Sincerely,

Acting
for
Linda D. Hansen
Area Manager

February 18, 1999

Linda D. Hansen, Area Manager

Dear Ms. Hansen:

Forgive the Commission for our delay in responding to your request of interest concerning the Twin Peaks Allotment. We are supportive of your efforts to complete a final multiple use decision by February 2000.

These efforts are as we have previously agreed to prior to any future gathers of wild horses within this allotment. It is our expectation that the allotment's environmental assessment will determine a carrying capacity and allocate forage to livestock, wildlife and wild horses.

Past planning efforts have established the necessary Guidelines to meet the new Rangeland Health Standards. We would appreciate inclusion of all these Guidelines in future documents and correspondence.

We would appreciate being consulted on any interim measure of the final multiple use decision that may affect wild horses or their habitats.

Sincerely,

Catherine Barcomb
Adminstrator