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IN REPLY REFER TO:



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT SURPRISE RESOURCE AREA P.O. Box 460 Cedarville, CA 96130

June 9, 1987

Amendment to Notice of Proposed Decision (43 CFR 4160.1-1)

Dawn Lappin WHOA P.O. Box 555 Reno. NV 89504

Dear Dawn:

It has been brought to my attention that an element was left out of the Proposed Decision that I recently issued on the Massacre Mountain Allotment. It is the element of allowing cattle grazing in the High Rock Canyon Complex and East on a prescriptive basis to manipulate vegetation for wildlife and watershed purposes (TRT Recommendation #3). Therefore, this letter serves as notice for the record that the following element is added as an Amendment to the Proposed Grazing Decision issued May 22, 1987:

9. Cattle will be allowed to graze the High Rock Canyon Complex and east of High Rock on a prescriptive basis only. Grazing will be scheduled only when it benefits other resources. Therefore, the area may not be grazed on an annual basis, and, as such, is not considered part of the grazing preference.

The basis for this Decision is TRT Recommendations #3 and #5 (June 24-25, 1982) and the Cowhead/Massacre Management Framework Plan III.

We do have a prescription developed in the Wildlife Habitat Management Plan for the area. However, as was agreed at the last TRT meeting, we will review the prescription and develop a new one if necessary. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Due to the inadvertent omission of this element from the Proposed Decision (dated May 22, 1987), I will allow an additional 15 days for protest of the Proposed Decision (dated May 22, 1987) including this Amendment. If you or other affected parties wish to file a protest of the Proposed Decision, including this Amendment, in accordance with 43 CFR 4160.2, you are allowed 15 days from receipt of this Notice within which to file such protest with the Surprise Resource Area Manager, P.O. Box 460, Cedarville, CA 96104. A protest may be made either in person or in writing and shall specify the reasons why you think the Proposed Decision, including this Amendment, is in error. If the protest is filed timely, the statement of reasons and other pertinent information will be considered and a Final Decision will be issued with a right of appeal (43 CFR 4160.3(b)).

In the absence of a protest within the time allowed, the Proposed Decision (dated May 22, 1987), including this Amendment, shall become the Final Decision without further notice (43 CFR 4160.3(a)). If the Proposed Decision, including this Amendment, becomes the Final Decision and you or other interests wish to appeal the Final Decision for the purpose of a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, in accordance with 43 CFR 4160.4, you are allowed 30 days from receipt of this Notice within which to file such appeal with the Surprise Resource Area Manager, P.O. Box 460, Cedarville, CA 96104. The appeal shall state clearly and concisely why you think the Final Decision is in error.

Sincerely,

Lee Delaney

Surprise Resource Area Manager