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NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION
(43 CFR 4160.1-1)

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Ken Earp
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Dear Ken:

An analysis of grazing use, available resources and management of the public lands has been conducted on the Little High Rock Allotment. This analysis considered the 1977 Rangeland Inventory, the 1981 and 1982 Forage Inventories, the Cowhead/Massacre Grazing Environmental Impact Statement of 1980, the professional judgement of the Bureau staff, the Cowhead/Massacre amended MFP III and the Allotment specific recommendations by the Massacre Mountain/High Rock Technical Review Team.

Special consideration was given to the recommendations and agreements of the Massacre Mountain/High Rock Technical Review Team (TRT). This TRT met on two occasions to resolve resource management issues in this Allotment, these signed recommendations and agreements were forwarded to the District Manager by the Modoc/Washoe Experimental Stewardship Committee. The findings of the TRT, on which Larry Hill represented you as a participant, form the basis of a program to improve range conditions. The TRT recommendations (June 24-25, 1982 meeting) and agreements (February 24, 1983 meeting) are attached and by reference become a part of this Proposed Decision.

As authorized by the existing regulations in 43 CFR 4100, the Proposed Decision for the Little High Rock Allotment is as follows.

1. Grazing preference in Little High Rock Allotment will be reduced from 1,545 AUMs to 1,000 AUMs. The difference of 545 AUMs shall be held in suspension (43 CFR 4110.3-2(b)). The reduction will be scheduled over a five (5) year period, (43 CFR 4110.3-3(a)), beginning in 1987.

The schedule will be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percent Public Land</u>	<u>Active</u>	<u>Preference Suspended</u>	<u>Total</u>
1987	100	1,363	1,259	2,622
1988	100	1,363	1,259	2,622
1989	100	1,181	1,441	2,622
1990	100	1,181	1,441	2,622
1991	100	1,000	1,622	2,622

Studies conducted at the end of the second and fourth years will be used to determine if the scheduled adjustments at three and five years are necessary. A new decision will be issued to implement any adjustments (increases or decreases) at that time (4110.3-3(b)).

The basis for this decision is a result of the 1981 and 1982 Forage Inventories conducted in Little High Rock Allotment and stocking rate recommendations in the Technical Review Team Report dated February 24, 1983.

2. The class of livestock for the Little High Rock Allotment will remain cattle (43 CFR 4130.6-2(a)).

The basis for this decision stems from TRT Recommendations #2 (Rationale), and #3 (June 24-25, 1982).

3. The season of use will be from April 16 to September 30 (4130.6-1(a)).

The basis for this decision is from Recommendation #17 (June 24-25, 1982).

4. Moderate use (41 to 60 percent) will be the maximum allowable utilization level for the Little High Rock Allotment on native rangeland (43 CFR 4120.2(a)).

The basis for this element of the Proposed Decision is TRT Recommendation #16 (June 24-25, 1982) and the Cowhead/Massacre MFP III.

5. An Allotment Management Plan will be developed for livestock grazing use in the Allotment. This Plan assists in the implementation of land use decisions for this Allotment (43 CFR 4120.2).

The basis for this decision is Recommendation #19 (June 24-25, 1982 from the Modoc/Washoe Experimental Stewardship TRT.

6. Utilization, actual use, trend and climatic studies will be conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the elements of this Proposed Decision (43 CFR 4120.2(a)). You will be invited and encouraged to participate in these studies. You will be required to provide actual use information made by your livestock in the Allotment each year (43 CFR 4130.6-2(d)).

This Proposed Decision will facilitate the implementation of the Surprise Resource Area Management Framework Plan III Decisions. These decisions and amended decisions are based on extensive public participation concerning the diverse resources in the Little High Rock Allotment. The implementation of the MFP III decisions will assure proper rangeland management for the multiple uses in the Little High Rock Allotment.

If you or other affected interests wish to protest this Proposed Decision 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 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 above Proposed Decision shall become my Final Decision without further notice. If this becomes the Final Decision and you or other affected 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 Proposed Decision is in error.

Sincerely,


Lee Delaney
Surprise Resource Area Manager

Attachments

cc: District Manager w/Attachments ✓
State Director w/Attachments
Burt Stanley w/Attachments
Larry Hill w/Attachments

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