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Elko Field Office
3900 East Idaho Street
Elko, Nevada 89801-4611

In Reply Refer To:

4130 (NV-012)

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Dear Interested Public:

An application to transfer grazing privileges from Stephen Richins to Robert Child and Jon Child on the North Pasture of the Utah/Nevada #1 (UT/NV #1) Allotment was received by the Elko District on November 22, 1996. At that time the transfer applicants were informed that the Elko District would evaluate the available monitoring data in accordance with 43 CFR 4110.3 to determine if any changes were needed to the existing permit to ensure progress toward attainment of the multiple use objectives for the North Pasture of the Utah/Nevada #1 Allotment.

The Elko District has recently completed its evaluation of the available monitoring data for the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment and a copy of this is enclosed for your review. As a result of this evaluation, changes to the permitted use and terms and conditions have been determined necessary as outlined below.

PROPOSED PERMIT CHANGES

From:

Livestock	Dates	Active AUMs	Suspended AUMs	Total AUMs
3,932 Sheep	11/13 to 4/30	4,447	1,119	5,646

Terms and Conditions:

This schedule is for the length of this permit only and grazing will be in accordance with the UT/NV #1 AMP.

Sheep camps will not be located within the Bluebell and Goshute Peak Wilderness Study Areas (WSA).

A trailing permit will be required before grazing is permitted on the administrative sheep trail.

Permittee will submit an application one week prior to trailing.

Actual use data must be submitted to this office within 15 days from the last day of use.

Supplemental feeding is limited to salt, mineral, and/or protein supplements in block, granular, or liquid form. Such supplements must be placed at least ¼ mile from live waters (springs and streams), troughs, wet or dry meadows, and aspen stands.

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Terms and Conditions:

Grazing will be in accordance with the Grazing Agreement for the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 North Allotment dated December 10, 1997. (see attached grazing agreement)

There are 643 historic suspended AUMs attached to this grazing permit

The term of the grazing permit will be for the period of the base property lease (initially 3 years) with renewals approved concurrent with the base property lease up to 10 years.

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The issue of separating the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment into a separate allotment will be addressed in the upcoming allotment evaluation currently scheduled in 1999 to include all Wendover sheep allotments.

The sheep trail located in the UT/NV #1 North Allotment would be incorporated into the UT/NV #1 North Allotment. Incorporation of the administrative sheep trail, which splits the allotment would allow the permittee more flexibility in his livestock operation. The sheep trail in the UT/NV #1 North Allotment is no longer in use. There would be an increase of 476 AUMs as a result of incorporating the sheep trail into the UT/NV #1 North Allotment. This increase is reflected in the active use of 4,447 AUMs.

Robert Child and Jon Child have been determined to be a qualified applicant for a grazing permit under 43 CFR 4110.1. On December 10, 1997, they agreed to these proposed changes to the permit terms and conditions and signed the attached Grazing Agreement for the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment and "Acceptance of Terms and Conditions form. Therefore the Elko District is proposing to offer Robert Child and Jon Child a grazing permit for the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment for the period November 30, 1997, to November 30, 2000 which is concurrent with the period of their base property lease. Upon renewal of their base lease, a new permit will be issued for the term of the lease for up to ten years.

The new grazing regulations require the authorized officer to consult, cooperate, and coordinate (CCC) with affected permittees, the State agencies responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public prior to the issuance of grazing permits (43 CFR 4130.2(b)). Therefore, you are asked to provide any comments or concerns you may have regarding the issuance of this grazing permit by December 29, 1997.

The terms and conditions outlined are also consistent with the Wells Resource Management Plan. The impacts of livestock grazing under these terms and conditions have been analyzed in the Wells Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

If we propose to change the terms and conditions following the comment period, we will keep you and the other interested parties informed. Following the comment period, we will also decide if a proposed decision to offer this term grazing permit will be needed. If a proposed decision is necessary, it will be sent to the interested public and will include a 15-day period for protest and a 30-day period for appeal after the decision has become final.

If you have any questions please contact Bruce Thompson, the assigned Rangeland Management Specialist for the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment at (702)753-0200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clinton R. Oke", with a horizontal line underneath.

CLINTON R. OKE, Assistant District Manager
Renewable Resources

Enclosure: as stated above

cc: Animal Protection Institution
Board of County Commissioners - Elko
Paul Bottari
Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Farm Services Agency
Stephen Richins
Resource Concepts, Inc.
Natural Resource Conservation Service
Nevada State Division of Agriculture
Nevada State Clearinghouse
Nevada Woolgrowers Association
Nevada Division of Wildlife
Nevada Cattleman's Assoc./Nevada Land Action Assoc.
Toiyabe Chapter Sierra Club
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Wells Grazing Association
Charles and John Young

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS and
REQUEST FOR GRAZING PERMIT

We, Robert Child and Jon Child, agree to accept the Terms & Conditions listed below and request that we be offered a Grazing Permit to graze the allotment in which we have a grazing preference.

Proposed Terms & Conditions

<i>Allotment</i>	<i>Livestock Number & Kind</i>	<i>Begin Period</i>	<i>End Period</i>	<i>% PL</i>	<i>Type Use</i>	<i>AUMs</i>
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Actual use data on all pastures must be submitted to this office within 15 days from the last day of use.

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The term of this permit would be from November 30, 1997 to November 30, 2000.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

**UTAH/NEVADA #1 ALLOTMENT
NORTH PASTURE**

A Review of Grazing Capacity

On November 22, 1996, Stephen Richins submitted an application to transfer his permit in the UT/NV #1 North Pasture to Robert Child and Jon Child. Robert Child and Jon Child have secured a three year base property lease from Stephen Richins for the entire base property. Both applicants were informed that a review of the available monitoring data would be made to determine any necessary changes in the permit terms and conditions, including carrying capacity, prior to the approval of the transfer. They were informed that this could not be completed prior to turnout in the winter of 1996-1997. Therefore, to facilitate grazing during the 1996-1997 grazing season by Child's sheep on the UT/NV #1 North Pasture, Richins provided a bill of sale and brand inspection receipt to show ownership of the sheep. This would allow for the transfer to proceed and a decision made prior to the 1997-1998 grazing season.

Stephen Richins current grazing privileges are as follows:

Livestock	Dates	Active AUMs	Suspended AUMs	Total AUMs
3,932 Sheep	11/13 to 4/30	4,447	1,119	5,646

In 1972, an Allotment Management Plan (AMP) was completed for the UT/NV #1 Allotment. This allotment is comprised of three pastures. The pastures are, the Silver Island Pasture (located 15 miles NE of Wendover, UT), the North Pasture (located 5 miles south of Wendover, NV), and the South Pasture (located 35 miles south of Wendover, NV).

In 1977, the UT/NV #1 North Pasture and the Nine Mile Allotment, were consolidated into the UT/NV #1 North Pasture. The carrying capacity for the two areas was as follows:

Unit	Active AUMs	Suspended AUMs	Total AUMs
North Pasture	2,437	1,199	3,636
Nine Mile Allotment	2,010	0	2,010
Total Preference after the "Approval and Transmittal of Range Line and Allotment Agreement" June 14, 1977			
Unit	Active AUMs	Suspended AUMs	Total AUMs
North Pasture	4,447	1,199	5,646

In 1992, transfer applications for the UT/NV #1 Allotment were received at the Elko Office, which transferred the grazing privileges in the Silver Island and South Pastures from Darrel Kippens and Sons to Sherie R. Goring and the North Pasture from Darrel Kippens and Son to Stephen Richins. The allotment was not split at the time of these transfers. The UT/NV #1 Allotment remained one allotment with common permittees; Goring having the Silver Island and South Pastures as a designated use area and Richins having the North Pasture as a designated use area. The amount of grazing privileges transferred to each was based upon the respective pasture carrying capacities for each pasture as designated by the 1972 AMP.

The UT/NV #1 Allotment AMP outlined a deferred rotation grazing system in which one pasture in three would receive spring use (4/1 to 5/10) each year. The AMP further stated that winter use would be divided evenly between the pastures to be used and that spring use will be an average of 2,500 head from 4/1 to 5/10 (the UT/NV #1 AMP is available upon request at the Elko Field Office). However, use past 4/1 was authorized every other year. The permits authorized as a result of the 1992 transfer of grazing privileges did not incorporate the 1972 UT/NV #1 AMP grazing system. Currently the Silver Island Pasture receives use to 5/10 annually, while the South Pasture receives use from 4/24-5/1 annually, and the North Pasture receives use to 4/30 annually.

In 1995, the Elko Office received a request from the permittees to cancel the AMP for the allotment. The permittees were informed that their request would be evaluated in the upcoming allotment evaluation.

An allotment evaluation is currently scheduled for the UT/NV #1 Allotment in 1999. However, in response to this permit transfer application, and considering spring use which has been authorized annually for the past 4 years, Kent Undlin (Wildlife Biologist), Kathy McKinstry (Wild Horse Specialist), and I reviewed the available monitoring data and current grazing permit terms and conditions for the UT/NV #1 Allotment North Pasture to determine if progress is being made toward attainment of the multiple use objectives for this allotment. As an interdisciplinary team, we have concluded the following:

Management objectives for the UT/NV #1 Allotment (North, South and Silver Island Pastures) as presented in the Wells Rangeland Program Summary are: 1) Manage livestock to maintain present ecological status and trend, 2) Provide forage to sustain 13,766 AUMs for livestock grazing, 3) Periodically evaluate the monitoring data for the allotment to reinstate 4,448 AUMs of suspended non-use when they become permanently available, 4) If necessary adjust the season of use on white sage areas, 5) Evaluate AMP for incorporation of riparian issues by FY88, 6) Maintain roads for access, 7) Coordinate sheep trail use with Utah BLM, 8) Manage rangeland habitat to provide for wildlife (deer 665 AUMs and antelope 84 AUMs), 9) Facilitate big game movements by fence modification (4.2 miles), 10) Improve 5 springs to good or better condition, and 11) Maintain incidental use by wild horses. Monitor use to determine actual use.

KEY AREA OBJECTIVES FOR KA 1001

1. Short term: Show improved trend by 1991
Long term: Show statistically significant upward trend by 1996.
2. Improve condition from early-late seral to mid-late seral by 1996 and to late-late seral by 2006, to improve deer and antelope habitat.

	<u>% of Potential Natural Community</u>
Early-late seral	51-58
Mid-late seral	59-66
Late-late seral	67-100

3. Utilization should not exceed 60% in any one year on key species.

Rationale for 60% utilization of forage species see table on page 23 of the Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook.

One key area monitoring site (for range) has been established within the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment to measure ecological condition and trend. Based on the available monitoring data collected at the key area in 1986, 1989 and 1993, the upland areas in the North Pasture are determined to be in a late-seral stage of ecological condition. Quadrat frequency data collected in 1986, 1989, and 1993, indicate that the long term trend is static (see table below).

Frequency results (expressed in %) for Key Area 1001 in the UT/NV #1 North Allotment.					
Key Area 1001	YEAR	1986	1989	1993	
	ORHY (30)	74.5	71.0	65.0	- NSC
	ARARN (10)	N/A	25.0	25.5	+NSC
	ARARN (30)	83.0	77.0	81.0	- NSC
	ATCO (30)	40.5	41.0	22.5	- S

(+) increase (S) Significant Change
 (=) no change (NSC) No Significant Change
 (-) decrease

Example: (+,NSC) This implies that there was a slight increase in the frequency of occurrence of the species, however, it was not a significant change.

Conclusion: RPS objective number 1 has been meet.

- Use pattern mapping has revealed that the allotment receives light to moderate use annually. With the majority of use occurring in the center portion of the allotment between Alt. Hwy. 93 and the WSA boundaries at the base of the Goshute Mountains (see attached map 1).

Conclusion: The utilization at the key area is representative of the use in the center of the allotment. An additional key area site should be located.

- One big game habitat condition study was established within mule deer summer range in 1980. Although data from this study indicates poor forage diversity, (i.e. there is a low percent composition of preferred perennial forbs and grasses) it has been determined that the habitat conditions for mule deer within the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment are excellent (see table below).

Mule Deer Habitat Condition Summary			
Key Area	Year	Habitat Condition	Habitat Rating
DS-4-T-01 Morgan Canyon	1980	Excellent	82.0
	1990	Excellent	90.0

(10-50 = Poor; 51-60 = Fair; 61-80 = Good; 81-100 = Excellent)

Conclusion: RPS objective for mule deer has been met. Further habitat studies readings will determine trend.

- Based on the 1989 studies data collected at key area 1001, seasonal antelope habitat conditions in the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment are in fair condition with poor forage diversity as the most limiting factor, i.e. there is a low percent composition of preferred perennial forbs and grasses (see table below)

Antelope Habitat Condition Summary			
Key Area	Year	Habitat Condition	Habitat Rating
1001	1990	Fair	39
(5-30 = Poor; 31-60 = Fair; 61-105 = Good)			

Conclusions: RPS objective for antelope has not been met. However, this range site is in late seral stage of ecological condition. Development of desired plant community objectives may be more appropriate.

- A riparian condition or proper functioning condition assessment of the lentic riparian habitats within the UT/NV #1 Allotment North Pasture has not been completed since 1981. The 1980-81 Wells Resource Area special wildlife habitat features inventory identified 5 spring sources on the allotment to be improved. Of these five springs 2 have been developed and fenced.

Conclusion: RPS objective number 10 has been partially met.

- The UT/NV #1 North Pasture is contained within the Goshute Herd Management Area. The HMA currently supports a population of 439 wild horses which is 279 head over the initial herd size of 160. Based on the last seven years of census data, an average of 36 wild horses utilized the pasture on a year round basis. The highest horse numbers are found in the pasture during the late summer months. Horses utilize the pasture in fewer numbers during the spring and very few horses can be found during the winter months. There are several springs in the pasture that receive heavy horse use. Sidehill spring is a very important water source for horses and is currently heavily trampled and probably needs some sort of protection. Morgan spring is in the same condition and probably needs protection from heavy use by horses. Mud spring has been developed but has never received heavy use. To date there has been no pre-livestock utilization data collected. All indications at the present time, however, are that wild horses do not make any significant use of the existing key area.

Conclusion: An Appropriate Management Level for wild horses should be calculated in the 1999 evaluation. Lentic riparian habitat conditions are related to wild horse use only.

- Based on actual use and utilization data for the period 1986-1997, (see attached studies summary matrix) the carrying capacity is determined to be 2,995 AUMs (livestock use). This would be a decrease of 33% from the current permitted use of 4,447 AUMs. However, average actual use per this same time period has been 2,185 AUMs. The highest actual use has been 3,159 AUMs. Incorporating the administrative sheep trail (see attached Map #1 for location of the sheep trail) into the UT/NV #1 North Allotment would allow for 476 suspended AUMs to be converted to active AUMs. This would result in a carrying capacity of 3,471 AUMs for the UT/NV #1 North Allotment. The remaining AUMs 976 would be placed into voluntary non-use.

Based on the above conclusions, we are recommending consult with the interested public, in conformance with the regulations for the following actions:

1) Approve the transfer of grazing preference from Stephen Richins to Robert Child and Jon Child, with the following changes to the terms and conditions:

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To:

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978 Sheep	11/13 to 4/30	Voluntary Non-Use	976

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Rationale:

Livestock grazing during the critical growth period (after 4/1) of key forage plants will be limited to designated spring use area (see map 2). Grazing in the designated spring use areas should not have any adverse affect on key forage plants. Poor forage

North Allotment. An improvement of overall average percent forb and grass composition would significantly improve habitat conditions and facilitate attainment of antelope habitat conditions.

2) Separate the North Pasture into a separate allotment.

Rationale:

Establishing the North Pasture into a separate allotment during the upcoming allotment evaluation would help in the administration of the allotment. The UT/NV #1 Allotment was split in 1992, with the different pastures being attached to different base properties.

3) Incorporate the administrative sheep trail located in the center of the North Pasture into the UT/NV #1 North Allotment.

Rationale:

Incorporation of the administrative sheep trail, which splits the allotment would allow the permittee more flexibility in his livestock operation. The sheep trail in the UT/NV #1 North Allotment is no longer in use. There would be an increase of 476 AUMs as a result of incorporating the sheep trail into the UT/NV #1 North Allotment. This increase is reflected in the table on the previous page.

4) Continue to conduct necessary monitoring studies and re-evaluate the effects of grazing in 1999, as scheduled to determine if progress is being made in meeting multiple use objectives and Standards for Rangeland Health.

Rationale:

Additional monitoring and analysis will be required to determine progress towards attainment of multiple use objectives and standards for rangeland health and make any further changes in grazing management, if any, particularly with respect to wildlife habitat conditions, riparian habitat conditions, and wild horse appropriate management levels through the issuance of a multiple use decision.

UTAH/NEVADA #1 NORTH PASTURE (ALLOTMENT) STUDIES SUMMARY MATRIX
KEY AREA: 1001

Key Species: Indian ricegrass (ORHY) Blacksage (ARARN) Shadescala (ATCO)

Year	Actual Use AUMs ² (Lvst)	Periods of Use	KMA Util. (Percent) ³	Dates Read	KMA Use Pattern Results	Dates Mapped	Carrying Capacity (AUMs)	Ecological Status/Prod.	Key Species Freq.
86-87	125	3/24/87 - 3/31/87	ORHY - N/A ARARN - N/A ATCO -N/A					1,495 lbs/ac 52% Late Seral	ORHY -74.5 ARARN -83.0 ATCO -40.5
87-88	2,116	4/1/87 - 4/22/87 11/9/87 - 3/16/88	ORHY -54% ARARN - 30% ATCO -N/A	3/23/88	Light		2,351¹		
88-89	314	3/22/89 - 3/31/89	ORHY - N/A ARARN - N/A ATCO -N/A		Moderate	5/5/89			
89-90	2,793	4/1/89 - 4/22/89 11/9/89 - 3/17/90	ORHY - 44% ARARN - 30% ATCO -28%	4/5/90			3,809¹	784 lbs/ac 70% Late Seral	ORHY -71.0 ARARN - 25.0 ARARN -77.0 ATCO -41.0
90-91	172	3/21/91 - 3/31/91	ORHY - N/A ARARN - N/A ATCO -N/A		Light	5/13/91			
91-92	2,336	4/1/91 - 4/21/91 11/12/91 - 3/17/92	ORHY - 47% ARARN - 38% ATCO -26%	4/9/92	Moderate	4/8/92	2,982¹		
92-93	1,421	11/28/92 - 3/31/93	ORHY - N/A ARARN - N/A ATCO - N/A						
93-94	1,521	4/1/93 - 4/27/93 11/26/93 - 3/31/93	ORHY - N/A ARARN - N/A ATCO - N/A					548 lbs/ac 63% Late Seral	ORHY -65.0 ARARN - 25.5 ARARN -81.0 ATCO -22.5
94-95	1,337	4/1/94 - 4/30/94 11/13/94 - 3/31/95	ORHY - 47% ARARN - 58% ATCO -35%	5/4/95			1,383		
95-96	3,159	4/1/95 - 4/30/95 11/15/95 - 3/31/96	ORHY - 39% ARARN - 57% ATCO -36%	5/6/96			3,325¹		
96-97	2,800	4/1/96 - 4/29/96 11/6/96 - 3/31/97	ORHY - 50% ARARN - 67% ATCO -N/A	5/21/97			2,507¹		
Avg.	2,185						2,995 ^{1,4}		

¹ Years that demonstrated the most linear relationship between actual use and utilization and were included in the average carrying capacity determination for the allotment.

² Actual use AUMs were calculated for the growing season of 4/1 - 3/31.

³ The bolded species/utilization (with the highest recorded use) was used to calculate the carrying capacity using.

⁴ Th carrying capacity does not reflect the 476 Suspended AUMs that will be converted to active use.

N/A = No data

GRAZING AGREEMENT

NORTH PASTURE UT/NV #1 ALLOTMENT

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North Pasture UT/NV #1	3,427 Sheep	11/13	4/30	100	Active	3,471
North Pasture UT/NV #1	878 Sheep	11/13	4/30	100	Non-Use (cp)	976

Non-Use (cp) is voluntary non-use for conversation purposes.

Spring grazing in the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment will in accordance with the grazing schedule outlined below.

Two spring use areas in the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment are identified as follows:

- A. All land to the east of Alt. Highway 93 and south of BLM road 1574 (see attached map) and the Oana corral located in section 9.
- B. All land to the west of Alt. Highway 93 and north of BLM road 1574 (see attached map) and the Oana corral located in section 9.

The Oana corral is located in both A and B use areas. The permittee will be allowed to utilize the corrals each year for loading and handling in the spring.

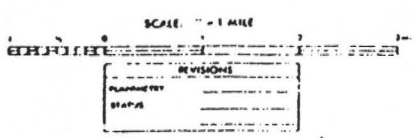
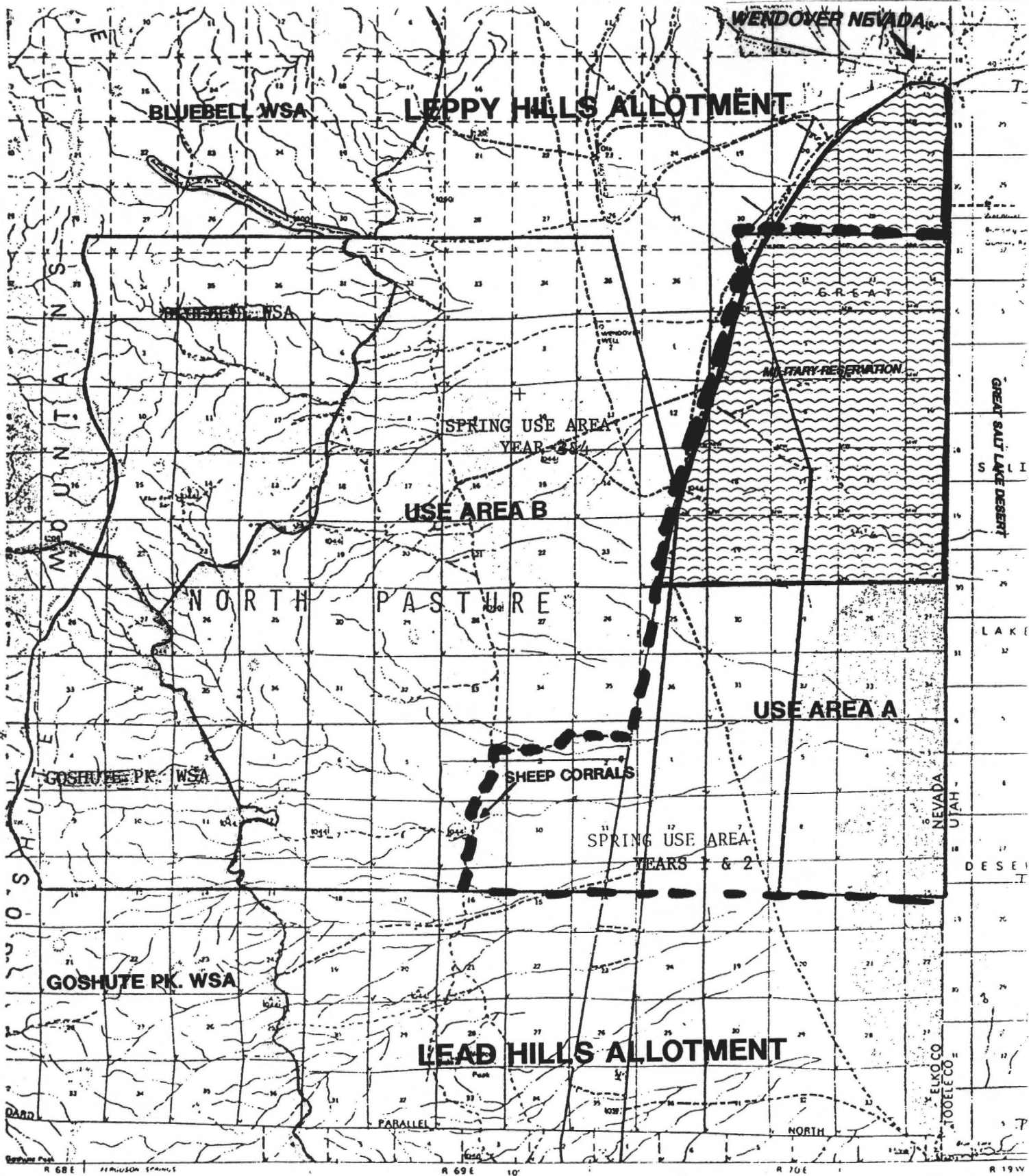
Grazing use from 4/01 to 4/30 each year will be made on a rotational basis as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>USE AREA</u>
1998	A
1999	A
2000	B
2001	B

Monitoring data will continue to be collected to evaluate progress towards attainment of multiple use objectives for the North Pasture of the UT/NV #1 Allotment. An allotment evaluation will be completed in 1999 to further assess attainment or non-attainment of the multiple use objectives and Standards for Rangeland Health and identify any necessary adjustments to grazing management and allotment carrying capacity.

Robert Child / Jon Child

CLINTON R. Oke, Assistant District Manager
Renewable Resources



- SPRING USE AREA BOUNDARY SHAFTER

January 9, 1998

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RE: Utah/Nevada #1 Allotment Transfer

Dear Helen,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Utah/Nevada #1 allotment transfer.

This was a very comprehensive document and we are encouraged to see that the Bureau has taken the opportunity during a grazing transfer to make necessary adjustment in use for the protection of the habitat.

In review of this transfer I found notations to excessive use by wild horses of spring sites and that this an important water source for them as well. As you may be aware, the Commission has not had the extra reserve of funds for many years to augment our grant program. However, the National Wild Horse and Burro Show Association (NWHBSA), of which the Commission is involved with, holds an annual show at the Livestock Events Center for the purpose of raising funds for water developments to benefit wild horses. If you are interested in developing and restoring those sites I am sure we would be interested in reviewing a grant proposal from your District.

We look forward to working with you on these projects.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE BARCOMB
Administrator