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HARRISON ALLOTMENT TEMPORARY NON-RENEWABLE GRAZING APPLICATION

Dear Interested Public:

On November 30, 2000, **Cliff and Bertha Gardner** applied to graze 336 cattle in pasture D of the Harrison Allotment from January 1 to January 21, 2001. The current grazing permit for Cliff and Bertha Gardner in the Harrison Allotment provides for a begin date of April 16 and an end date of December 31. Use from January 1 to January 21 would be temporary nonrenewable use (TNR) for the 2000 grazing season.

The Harrison Allotment is located in the southern portion of Ruby Valley, northeast of the Ruby Marshes (see attached map). There are no streams or springs within this allotment. The allotment serves as summer range for pronghorn antelope. Pasture D is predominantly comprised of an crested wheatgrass seeding. Pasture D was grazed this past year by 7H Ranch L.L.C.

There are no wild horses in the Harrison Allotment.

Cliff and Bertha Gardner share the Harrison Allotment with 7H Ranch L.L.C.. Active grazing privileges on this allotment are 625 AUMs with a period of use from 4/16 - 12/31.

In order to determine if forage is available for use in excess of what is specified on the grazing permit, a visit to the allotment was conducted by a Rangeland Management Specialist on December 7, 2000. During that visit, utilization was characterized as follows:

Pasture D - Key area utilization on crested wheatgrass is 27%. Grazed areas show slight to light use.

The utilization objective for this pasture is an average of 65% use on crested wheatgrass.

Based on the information described above, it is determined that use in Pasture D will not preclude attainment of other multiple use objectives in the allotment. We propose to authorize temporary nonrenewable use to Cliff and Bertha Gardner in Pasture D as described above.

In addition to Elko Field Office standard grazing stipulations, the following stipulation would be part of the approval of this application.

The use of AUMs above the active grazing privileges are authorized as temporary nonrenewable (TNR) use and will not result in a permanent change to your grazing permit.

Utilization of crested wheatgrass in Pasture D will not exceed 65 percent. If utilization levels are reached during the requested period of use, cattle will be removed within 5 days.

Approval of the application for temporary nonrenewable grazing use to begin on January 1, 2001 is consistent with multiple use objectives for this allotment and would not interfere with existing livestock operations on public lands.

In accordance with the grazing regulations, "... the authorized officer shall consult, cooperate and coordinate with affected permittees or lessees, the State having lands or responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public prior to issuance of non-renewable grazing permits and leases". If you have any comment regarding the approval or denial of this application, please provide it to this office by December 22, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call Bruce Thompson, the assigned rangeland management Specialist at (775) 753-0200.

Sincerely yours,



CLINTON R. OKE, Assistant Field Manager
for Renewable Resources

enclosure: Allotment Map

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