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In Reply Refer To:

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Dear Interested Public:

On May 4, 1998, Sonya Hesterlee, Brett and Karen Spahan submitted an application to transfer grazing privileges from Indian Creek Ranch. The full permitted use of 910 AUMs held by Indian Creek Ranch within the Currie Allotment, is to be transferred from Indian Creek Ranch to Sonya Hesterlee, Brett and Karen Spahan (see the enclosed map for the allotment location). Based on the application, we propose to offer a term grazing permit. The term of this permit will be from April 30, 1998 to April 29, 2001. Upon renewal of the base property lease, a new permit would be issued for the term of the lease not to exceed 10 years. If the base property lease is not renewed, the permit will revert back to Indian Creek Ranch.

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, a copy of this letter and a copy of the acceptance form will be sent to anyone who has expressed an interest in the Currie Allotment. **The interested public is being asked to provide comment by September 3, 1998.** You will be notified of any changes to terms and conditions that may be warranted as a result of comments received.

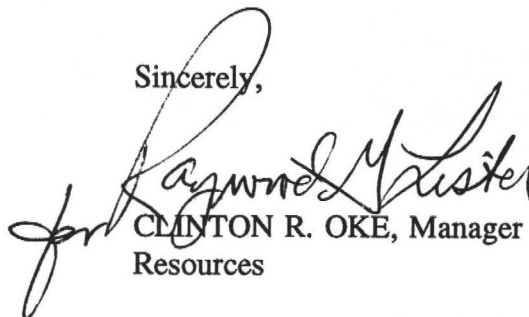
This allotment is within the Antelope Valley Wild Horse Herd Management Area.

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 you a 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.

The terms and conditions outlined are consistent with the Wells Resource Management Plan and have been analyzed in the Wells Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Bruce Thompson, the assigned Rangeland Management Specialist at (702) 753-0200. If you would prefer to discuss this matter in person, please call to set up an appointment with us so that we may respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



CLINTON R. OKE, Manager Renewable Resources

Enclosure(s): As stated above

cc: Trout Unlimited - Sagebrush Chapter
Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Wild Horse Organized Assistance
HTT Resource Advisors
Jack and Terry Bowers - 7-H Ranch
Int'l Society-Protection of Mustangs/Burros
Kay and Mary Kay Lear
Indian Creek Ranch
Sonya Hesterlee
Brett and Karen Spahan
Nevada Cattlemen's Assn.
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Resource Concepts, Inc.
Nevada Division of Wildlife
Elko Board of Co. Commissioners

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS and
REQUEST FOR GRAZING PERMIT

We, Sonya Hesterlee, Brett and Karen Spahan, 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>
Currie Allotment	230 Cattle	11/01	2/28	100	Active	910

Terms and Conditions:

There are no historic suspended AUMs attached to this grazing permit.

Grazing will be in accordance with the Currie Allotment Management Plan signed January 20, 1987.

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.

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

Pursuant 43 CFR 10.4(g) the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), you must stop activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and protect it from your activities for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the authorized officer.

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.

All riparian exclosures, including spring development exclosures, are closed to livestock use unless specifically authorized in writing.

Payment of grazing fees is due on or before the due date specified on the grazing bill. Failure to pay the grazing bill within 15 days of the due date specified on the bill shall result in a late fee assessment of \$25.00 or 10 percent of the grazing bill, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$250.00.

The term of this permit would be from February 15, 1998 to February 14, 2001.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

