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Dear Interested Public:

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 nonrenewable grazing permits and leases" (43 CFR 4130.6-2).

On September 30, 1999, Bertrand Paris and Sons applied for a change in permitted use, requesting to graze 150 cattle on the North South Seeding from October 22 to November 14. Bertrand Paris and Sons are applying for an additional 114 AUMs above their permitted cattle use in the West Cherry Creek Allotment. The application dated September 30, 1999, would be authorized as a temporary deviation from the grazing permit dates and as temporary non-renewable use above the permitted use of the Bertrand Paris and Sons grazing permit.

The permitted season of use for the West Cherry Creek Allotment as described in the Wells Resource Management Plan (RMP) and by the Area Manager's Final Multiple Use Decision for the West Cherry Creek Allotment dated September 30, 1994, is May 1 to October 31. Applications for Temporary Non Renewable (TNR) use in the seedings in the West Cherry Creek Allotment have been approved the past few years. The permitted use in the West Cherry Creek Allotment is 2,674 AUMs, of which 1,246 AUMs is available for cattle use and 1,428 AUMs are available for sheep use.

Utilization in the North South Seeding will be observed by a resource specialist from the Elko Field Office prior to approval of this application. However, Bertrand Paris and Sons application for additional 114 AUMs is not expected to exceed the 65% utilization objective for crested wheatgrass. If use is below the objective levels outlined, additional use may be approved. Utilization will again be monitored at the end of the grazing period.

The West Cherry Creek Allotment is a medium sized grazing allotment located in the northern portion of Butte Valley near the Elko County and White Pine County Line, approximately 70 miles south of Wells, Nevada. The North South Seeding is located in the southern portion of the allotment (see attached map). A portion of the Maverick/Medicine Herd Management Area (HMA) occurs within this allotment. Due to fences, there is no use in the seedings by wild horses. The seeding is predominately crested wheatgrass. There are no streams or springs within the seeding. The permittee uses a pipeline and troughs in the seeding to water his livestock. Approval of the grazing application is consistent with multiple use objectives for this allotment.

In addition to the existing terms and conditions, the following term and condition will apply:

- a. Utilization of the key forage species will not exceed 65 percent. When 65 percent utilization is achieved, the cattle will be removed within 5 days.
- b. Submit an actual use report within 15 days of the end of grazing.
- c. The extension in period of use (10/22 through 11/14) is authorized as temporary nonrenewable use and will not result in a permanent change to the grazing permit.

If you have any comments regarding the approval or denial of this application, please provide them to this office within 15 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please call Bruce Thompson at (775) 753-0200.

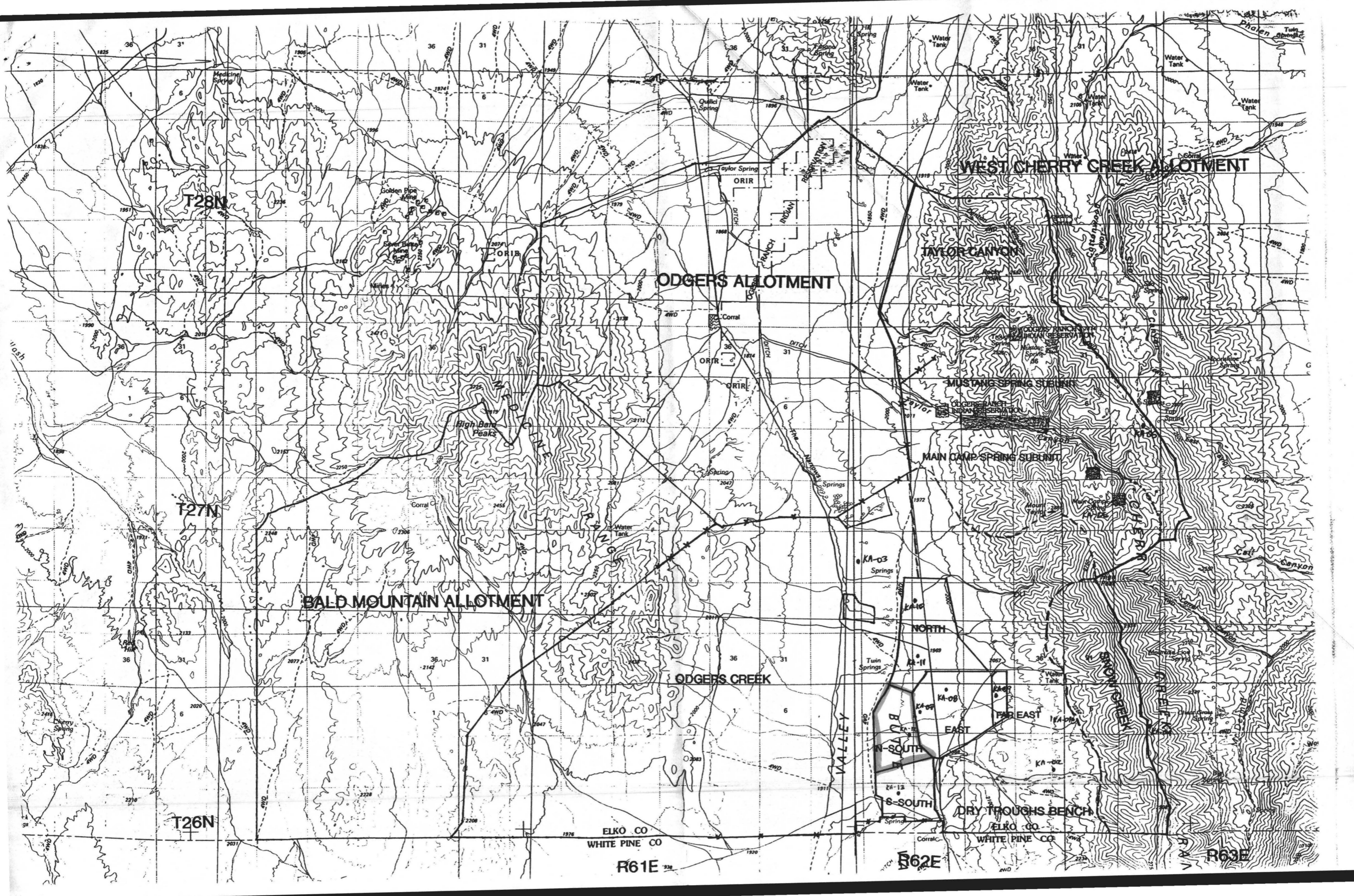
Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure: As stated above

cc: Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Nevada Division of Wildlife
NV Cattlemen's Assoc.
Bertrand Paris & Sons
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Wild Horse Organized Assistance
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Resource Concepts, Inc.
Elko Board of County Commissioners
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ODGERS ALLOTMENT

WEST CHERRY CREEK ALLOTMENT

BALD MOUNTAIN ALLOTMENT

ODGERS CREEK

TAYLOR CANYON

MAIN CAMP SPRING SUBUNIT

MUSTANG SPRING SUBUNIT

NORTH

EAST

S-SOUTH

N-SOUTH

FAR EAST

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