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Dear Interested Public:

An application to transfer grazing privileges from Earl Bingham and Family LTD Partnership to Earl Bingham Ranch Partnership in the Ferber Flat Allotment was received on January 25, 1999. Based on the application, we propose to offer a term grazing permit. The term of this permit will be from January 25, 1999 to January 24, 2009.

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 Ferber Flat Allotment. (See the attached map for the location of this allotment). The interested public is being asked to provide comment by March 16, 1998. You will be notified of any changes to terms and conditions that may be warranted as a result of comments received.

The Ferber Flat Allotment is located within the Antelope Valley 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 (775) 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 Assistant Field Manager Renewable Resources

Enclosure(s): As stated above

cc: Commission-Preservation of Wild Horses Int'l Society-Protection of Mustangs/Burris HTT Resource Advisors Nevada Cattlemen's Assn. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Resource Concepts, Inc. Nevada Division of Wildlife Elko Board of Co. Commissioners Earl Bingham Ranch Partnership Wild Horse Organized Assistance

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS and REQUEST FOR GRAZING PERMIT

We, Earl Bingham Ranch Partnership, 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.

Allotment	Livestock Number & Kind	Begin Period	End Period	% PL	Type Use	AUMs
Ferber Flat Allotment	2,736 Sheep	11/01	2/28	100	Active	1,817
Ferber Flat Allotment	2,736 Sheep	03/01	04/20	100	Active	918

Proposed Terms & Conditions

Terms and Conditions:

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

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

The terms and conditions of your permit may be modified if additional information indicates the revision is necessary to conform to 43 CFR 4180.

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 ¹/₄ 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 January 25, 1999 to January 24, 2009.

Signed:_____

Date:_____

