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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Interested Public:

On June 3, 1998, Helen Hankins, Elko Field Office Manager and I addressed the **TeMoak Tribal Council** about the issue of continuing unauthorized livestock grazing within the Shoshone, Crane Springs, Odgers, and Bald Mountain grazing allotments administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The Council was brought up to date on the past and present situation involving the unauthorized grazing use and procedures to initiate settlement were discussed. Specifically, the Council was advised of the May 14, 1998, letter to all members of the TeMoak Livestock Association (TLA) which indicated that the Bureau was in receipt of two new applications for transfer of grazing privileges and would issue a decision regarding these applications shortly. If the Bureau is unable to work out a settlement with the TLA or its individual members for unauthorized use, the Council was advised the letter indicated that the TLA's grazing preference would be cancelled.

The Bureau has followed its regulations pertaining to the unauthorized use and has completed all of the necessary administrative steps, short of impoundment actions, to resolve this issue.

The Bureau has made numerous overtures to the TLA to resolve this issue over several years. Since these efforts have been rebuffed, we have determined a course of action to resolve this situation. With our Field Solicitor's concurrence, we require that the TLA or individual members provide evidence which shows serious intentions to address this long standing trespass by providing payment for the 1998 unauthorized grazing use to date or providing some other acceptable financial guarantee of their intent for payment. This payment of fees for the 1998 season would allow the operators to be authorized via temporary non-renewable use while discussions continue regarding final trespass settlement.

If payment for the 1998 unauthorized grazing use or some other financial commitment is not received by the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office by June 18, 1998, a Proposed

Decision will be issued cancelling all federal grazing qualifications, preference, and privileges, including suspended non-use previously held by the TLA for the four allotments specified above.

Sincerely,

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