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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 November 23, 1999, Kay Lear applied to graze the Currie Hills Pasture in conjunction with the Mustang Well Pasture in the Currie Allotment starting January 1, 2000 and ending February 28, 2000. The Currie Allotment Management Plan (AMP) describes the livestock grazing period of use in the Currie Hills Pasture as April 15 to May 14 and the Mustang Well Pasture as December 1 to February 28. An AMP for the Currie Allotment was completed in 1987. The permitted use in the Currie Allotment for Kay Lear is 4,408 AUMs.

Kay Lear is applying for a change in period of use for the Currie Hills Pasture. The application dated November 23, 1999, would be authorized as a temporary deviation from the grazing permit dates for the Currie Hills Pasture.

The Currie Allotment is a large sized cattle grazing allotment located in Steptoe Valley and the northern portion of the Cherry Creek Mountains, approximately 50 miles south of Wells, Nevada. The Currie Hills Pasture is located in the eastern portion of the allotment (see attached map). A portion of the Antelope Valley Herd Management Area (HMA) occurs within this allotment. This allotment receives moderate use by wild horses. There are no streams or springs in this pasture. The permittee uses a well in the Mustang Well and Currie Hills Pastures to water his livestock. Approval of the grazing application is consistent with multiple use objectives for this allotment. Utilization will be monitored prior to the scheduled off-date.

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

- a. Utilization of the key forage species will not exceed 50 percent. When 50 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 change in period of use (01/01 through 02/28) is authorized as temporary deviation from your permit 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,

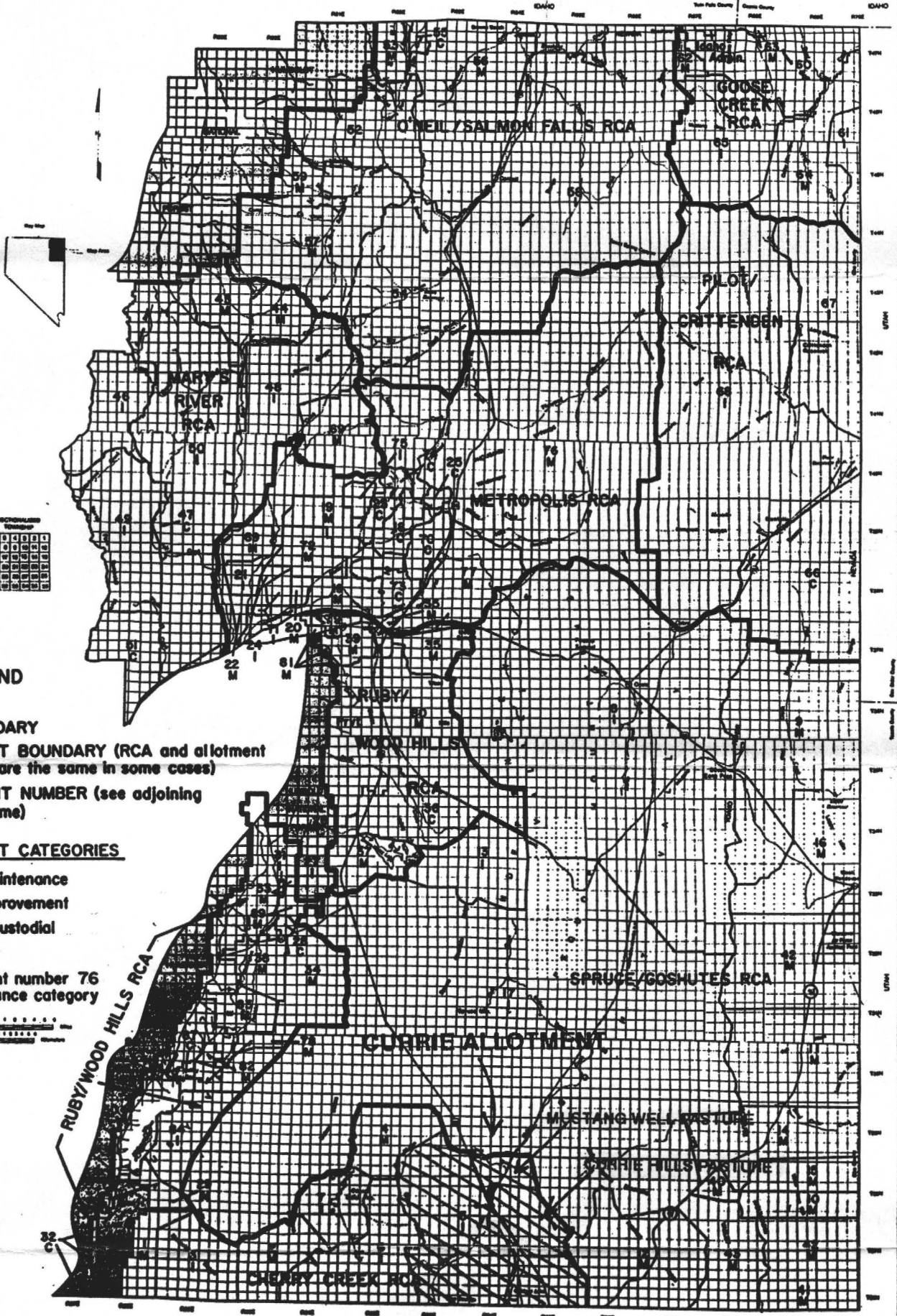


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Enclosure: As stated above

cc: Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Wild Horse Organized Assistance
Elko Board of County Commissioners
Nevada Cattlemen's Asso.
Nevada Division of Wildlife
HTT Resource Advisors
Resource Concepts, Inc.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Paul Bottari
Kay and Mary Lear
Indian Creek Ranch

RESOURCE CONFLICT AREAS (RCA), GRAZING ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOTMENT CATEGORIZATION



LEGEND

- RCA BOUNDARY
- ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY (RCA and allotment boundaries are the same in some cases)

76 ALLOTMENT NUMBER (see adjoining page for name)

ALLOTMENT CATEGORIES

- M-Maintenance
- I-Improvement
- C-Custodial

EXAMPLE:

76-Allotment number 76
M-Maintenance category



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