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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Battle Mountain District

Shoshone/Eureka Resource Area

Environmental Assessment

for the

Alpha Peak Fence

Office: Battle Juntain District
Resource Area: Shoshone/Eureka

EA Title: Alpha Peak Fence

EA Number: NV-060-EA0-\$53

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision

The environmental assessment has indicated that there will be no significant impact to the human environment. Therefore, the proposed action is accepted as written.

Rationale

The decision is the same as the proposed action and involves construction of 8.3 miles of fence between Shannon Station and Black Point allotments.

All resource values have been analyzed and impacts mitigated where necessary.

No impact statement is required and the State Clearinghouse has not been contacted,

Approved by

Colin P. Christensen

n P. Christensen Area Manager 9/26/80

Approved by

Gene Nodine

District Manager

PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR ACTION

The purpose of this project is to prevent the drifting of livestock between Black Point and Shannon Station Allotments. The project will provide the permittees with better control of their livestock. The project will provide the Bureau of Land Management with better livestock supervision and a means of better managing the natural resources of the two allotments.

I. ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

A. Proposed Action

The proposed action, the Bureau's preferred alternative, is the construction of approximately 8.3 miles of fence located in T. 20 N., R. 54 E., Sec. 19; SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 29; SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 30; NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 32; NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 33; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 34; SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 36; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and T. 19 N., R. 54 E., Sec. 1; E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 2; N $\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 12; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (see Appendix I). The fence will be constructed to Bureau specifications and will be a standard "Type D" Antelope fence.

The proposed fence will separate the Shannon Station and Black Point allotments.

B. Alternative Action

The only alternative is that no action be taken.

II. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

A. Vegetation

Vegetation in the area consists of the desert shrub and Pinyon-juniper types. The major species present are listed below:

Shrubs:

Artemisia tridentata
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus
Artemisia arbuscula
Atriplex confertifolia
Cercocarpus ledifolius
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Big sagebrush Green Rabbitbrush Low sagebrush Shadscale Mountain mahogany

Trees:

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Utah Juniper Singleleaf pinyon

Forbs:

Sphaeralcea spp.
Eriogonum spp.
Cryptantha spp.
Delphinium spp.
Hydrophyllum spp

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Grasses:

Oryzopsis hymenoides
Sitanion hystrix
Stipa comata
Poa secunda
Carex spp.

Indian ricegrass
Bottlebrush squirreltail
Needle-and-thread
Sandberg bluegrass
Carex

B. Soils

Soils are gently to strongly sloping, well drained, gravelly to very stony, medium textured on hills and mountains.

C. Wildlife

The primary wildlife species are listed below:

Lepus californicusBlacktail jackrabbitsCanis latransCoyotesOdocoileus hemionusMule deerCentrocercus urophasianusSagegrouseAlectoris graecaChukar

Also present are various species of raptors, song birds, small mammals, and reptiles.

D. Livestock

Shannon Station: Mr. Baumann runs cattle from April 1 to December 15 with a maximum number of 300 cattle from May to September.

Black Point: M&N Livestock runs approximately 2300 sheep from May 1 to October 10. Held's Quarter runs cattle from May 10 to the end of October with a maximum number of 500 cattle from May 10 to the end of September.

E. Wild Horses

Present in this area are several bands of wild horses and an undetermined number of branded trespass horses. An aerial inventory conducted in January, 1978 identified a total of 272 horses within five miles of the proposed fenceline.

F. Visual Resources

A visual resources report is included in Appendix II.

G. Cultural Resources

See attached Cultural Resources Report in Appendix III.

H. Wilderness Potential

The area involving the proposed action has been inventoried and has been dismissed from further study as a possible wilderness study area.

I. Threatened or Endangered Plants and Animals

According to Holmgren, et.al., 1977, there are no threatened and endangered plants in the area of proposed action. Also, no threatened and endangered animals are known to exist in the area.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

A. Proposed Action

1. Environmental Impacts

The short-term impacts should be minimal due to the fact that the proposed fence will follow an existing bladed trail. The construction of the fence will temporarily disturb the soil and vegetative cover beginning to grow along the bladed trail.

Long-term impacts would be some trampling of vegetation, as livestock will naturally trail along the fence line. The fence line will have a visual impact, however, since the fence line has already been bladed the visual impact will remain about the same. Customary movements of wild horses and wildlife will be somewhat restrained.

2. Mitigating Measures

In order to prevent unnecessary disturbance to the soil surface, construction should take place in the summer or early fall months, when soil moisture is at a minimum.

The fence will be flagged with white and florescent plastic flagging as it is constructed to prevent deer and wild horses from hitting the fence and becoming entangled or cut.

3. Unavoidable Impacts

Unavoidable impacts include a temporary loss of natural vegetation. Trampling of vegetation and soil by livestock trailing along the fenceline will also occur to some extent.

4. Short-and Long-Term Effects on Productivity

The short-term effects of construction will be minimal. The long-term productivity should increase through better livestock management brought about by this type of range improvement. Also, there will be less work needed by the permittees to keep livestock in their proper allotments. As a result, the Bureau of Land Management will have better control over the allotments and livestock supervision.

5. Irreversible or Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

There will be no irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources.

В. Alternative - No Action

Environmental Impacts 1.

No short-term impacts are present. Long term effects may be more severe, in terms of range deterioration, due to a lack of proper livestock management practices.

2. Mitigating Measures

Mitigation of the "No Action" alternative would require a impractical degree of livestock supervision, due to the natural amount of drift of livestock from one allotment to another.

3. Unavoidable Impacts

At least some degree of continued range deterioration will occur due to livestock grazing.

4. Short-and Long-Term Effects on Productivity

There will be little or no short-term effects on productivity. The long-term effects on range productivity may be more evident, due to the resulting conflict with present range management objectives.

Irreversible or Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

There will be no irretrievable or irreversible commitment of resources.

IV. LIST OF PREPARERS AND REVIEWERS

Mark Littlefield Alan Steinbeck Dwayne Sykes Kelly M. Madigan (review) Randy Cornett

Range Conservationist Outdoor Recreation Planner Wildlife Biologist Environmental Protection Specialist Colin P. Christensen (review) Shoshone/Eureka Resource Area Manager Wild Horse Specialist

V. PERSONS, GROUPS, AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONSULTED

Paul Held Jim Baumann

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VI. APPENDICES

Appendix I:

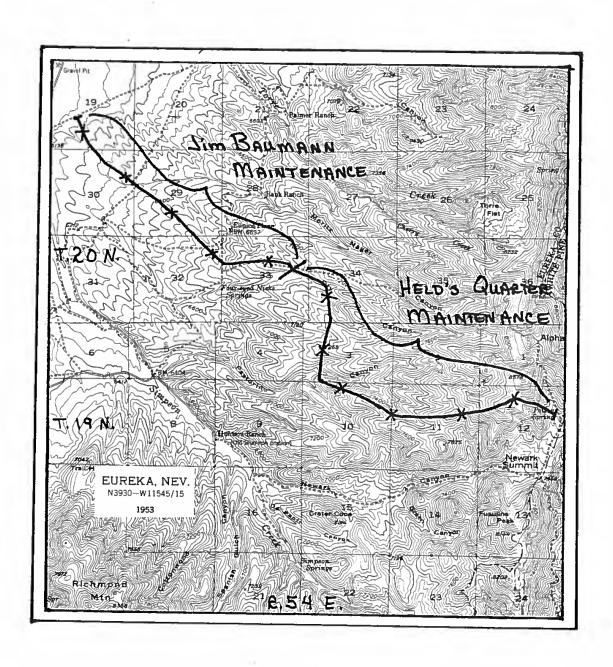
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Appendix II:

Visual Resources Report

Appendix III:

Cultural Resources Report



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Project: Alpha Peak Fence

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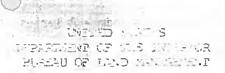
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Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701, et. seq.), and the Public Rangelands Improvement Act (43 U.S.C. 1904) do enter into this cooperative agreement for the construction and/or maintenance of range improvements, installation of conservation works or establishment of conservation practices, hereinafter referred to collectively as improvements, for the benefit of the public lands and of the cooperator(s). 2. The improvements known as the Alpha Peak Fence Sections; 1, 12, 11, 10 & 3; T. 19 N., R. 54 E.; Sections will be are located upon: 34, 33, 32, 29, 30 & 19, T. 20 N., R. 54 E. Mt. Diablo Base Meridian, County of Eureka, State of Nevada. 3. It is Mutually Agreed: (a) The parties hereto will furnish labor, materials, and equipment as required, the total cost or value not to ex-						
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- (b) Upon notice from the authorized officer of the Bureau, cooperator(s) will promptly supply labor, materials, and equipment as specified in paragraph 3(a) as required. Contributed materials in excess of the amount required shall be returned to the contributor. Equipment contributed shall be returned promptly following completion of the work. Work will be conducted under the supervision and direction of the authorized officer and shall be pursued with diligence until completed.
- 4(a) The cooperator(s) shall be liable, jointly and severally, for the repair and maintenance of the improvements following completion, in good and serviceable condition. The cooperator(s), without further notice from the authorized officer shall do the necessary work promptly. If work is not performed as necessary, the authorized officer shall notify the cooperator(s) and specify a period within which to complete the work as required.
- (b) In event the cooperator(s) default in the repair and maintenance of the improvements the authorized officer may do or cause such work to be done for and in behalf of the cooperator(s); and the necessary cost and expense thereof shall become a charge and obligation upon and shall be paid by the cooperator(s). It is further understood in case of default that any grazing permit or lease may be cancelled and may not be renewed or extended or any assignment thereof may not be approved unless and until all charges and costs owed by the cooperator(s) hereunder shall have been paid; and provided that the Bureau may pursue such other remedies, legal or administrative, as may be authorized.
- (c) Repair and maintenance, as herein required, shall mean normal upkeep and maintenance necessary to preserve, protect, and prolong the useful life of the improvements, but shall not include major repairs where the damage is due to floods, earthquakes, or other acts of God, or fire not the result of fault or negligence of the cooperator(s) as determined by the authorized officer.

5. IT IS FURTHER AGREED:

(a) Title to the said improvements in place, together with all labor and materials furnished by either party and used in the construction and maintenance thereof, shall be in the United States of America. The improvements may be removed, in whole or in part, during the term of this agreement or any extension thereof, by mutual consent of the parties or by direction of the authorized officer; such removal shall be made by the cooperator(s), or by the Bureau at its option. Upon removal of the improvements, any salvageable materials, after deducting an amount to compensate for the actual cost of removal, shall be available for distribution to the parties then subject to this agree-

- ment in proportion to the actual amount of their respective contributions to the initial construction of the improvements. The parties shall take possession and remove their portion of the salvaged materials within one hundred and eighty (180) days after first notification in writing that such material is available; upon failure to do so within the time allowed, the materials shall be deemed to have been abandoned and title thereto shall thereupon vest in the United States.
- (b) During the course of salvaging material, the United States assumes no responsibility for the protection or preservation of said material.
- 6. If the cooperator(s) shall assign or transfer any grazing permit or lease embracing the lands upon which the improvements are constructed or in connection with which they are used, the cooperator(s) shall include in such assignment or transfer his interest in this Cooperative Agreement. Before the assignee or transferee will be recognized as successor to the cooperator(s)'s interest hereunder, such assignee or transferee will be required by the authorized officer to accept an assignment of this agreement and agree to be bound by the provisions respecting the use and maintenance of the improvements.
- 7. The cooperator(s) use of the improvements will be in conformance with any special conditions, the grazing permit(s) or lease(s), and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
- 8. This agreement shall not accord to cooperator(s) any preference, privilege, or consideration with respect to any grazing permit or lease not expressly provided herein or in the rules and regulations governing such grazing permit or lease.
- 9. Items 2, 3, and 4(a) of this agreement may be modified or cancelled by written agreement of the parties, which agreement shall become a part hereof.
- 10. This contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, which sets forth the nondiscrimination clauses. A copy of this order may be obtained from the authorized officer.
- 11. This agreement shall remain in effect indefinitely from date of signature unless (1) sooner terminated by mutual written consent of parties, or (2) is terminated by the authorized officer after notice in writing because of the cooperator(s) default or violation, or (3) is terminated by the authorized officer after notice in writing because the improvements are not compatible with adopted land use plans or classification under the public land laws.

12. Special conditions

Held's Quarter will be responsible for maintenance of that portion of the fence from where the fence corsses the road at the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T. 20 N., R. 54 E. to the end of the fence at Poison Spring, T. 19 N., R. 54 E., Section 12 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ for approximately 5.4 miles of fence.

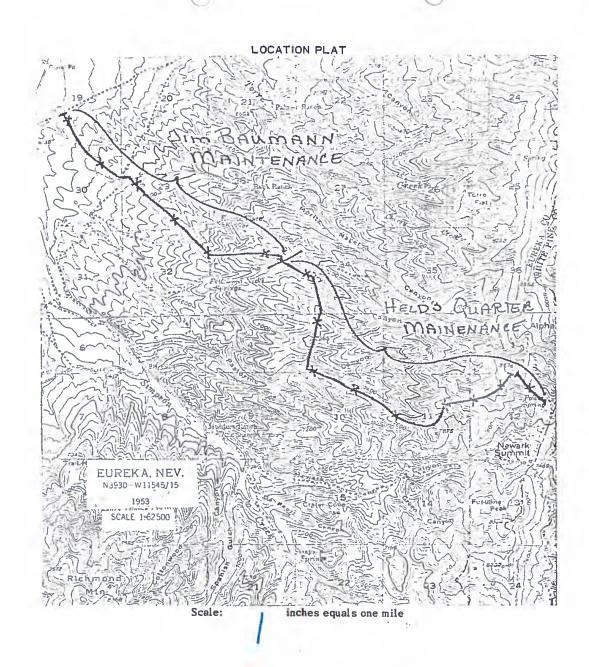
Jim Baumann will be responsible for the maintenance for that portion of the fence from the gate where the fence crosses the road in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33, T. 20 N., R. 54 E., then north and west to the end of the fence in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, T. 20 N., R. 54 E., for approximately 2.9 miles of fence.

Fence will be built to BLM Specifications for a type 'D' fence.

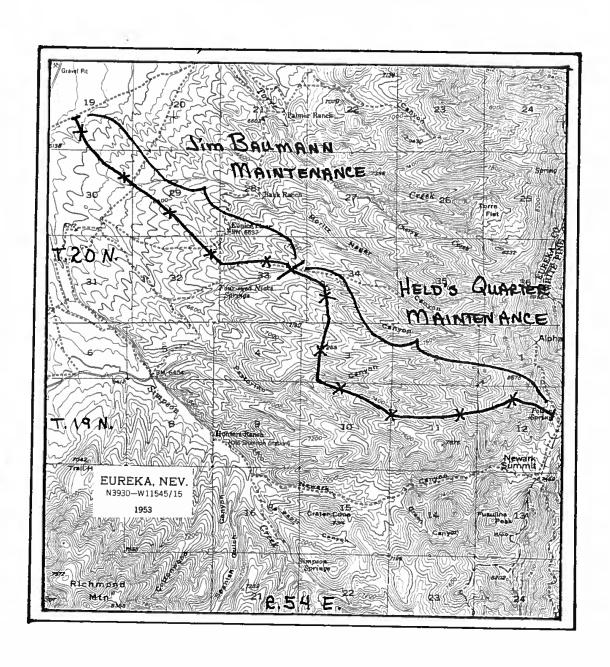
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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Mt. Diablo Meridian 3. It is Mutually Agreed:	4, Sec(s). 27, 34, County of Eureka	, T. 20 N. , State of Ne	evada	,	
(a) The parties hereto will furnish labored the amount listed below for each of the improvements indicated in paragraph 2.					
NAME(s) OF COOPERATOR(s)	ITEN	ls .	TOTA COST OR V		
Held's Quarter	Construction and Ma	terials	\$ 6,620.	70	
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		AGGREGATE COST	\$ 6,620.7	0	

12. Special conditions

Held's Quarter will maintain the full length of the Arden Fence.

The cooperator hereby agrees that required maintainance shall include the following:

- Replacement and/or repair of loose, down, or broken wire to insure that proper tension and/or spacing is maintained.
- 2. Repalcement and/or repair of bent, loose, down or broken steel and/or wooden fence post, stress panels, braces, and corners required to insure that the fence is maintained to Bureau specifications.
- 3. Repair and maintenance as described in Section 4(c) of this agreement.
- 4. The fence will be built to Antelope Type "D" specifications.
- 5. Gates will be left open when area is not in use to allow for freer movement of wildlife and wild horses.

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LOCATION PLAT

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Scale: inches equals one mile

- . Information is collected to document the specific participation of each cooperator in the range improvement plished. This information includes the location by legal description, and the kind and amount of particip materials, maintenance, or funds.
- . The information is used in the form of an agreement to participate. By signature, each cooperator agrees manner specifically described on the cooperative agreement form.
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Form 4120-10 (December 1979) (formerly 4111-5)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

RANGE LINE AGREEMENT

State Office Nevada	
District Office Battle	Mountain
Date July 9,	1981

In accordance with the provisions of Grazing Regulations (43 CFR 4120.1), we, the undersigned, hereby agree to the establishment or adjustment of our respective range allotment boundaries as shown on the attached map and further described as follows:

Black Point

North Spring area: This area includes the high country above Maggini's Three Mile Canyon as follows:

Beginning at the high peak on the drainage divide of the Diamond Range in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, T. 23 N., R. 55 E., thence north down the ridge through the SE corner of Section 30, T. 23 N., R. 55 E., thence near the NE corner of Section 30, T. 23 N., R. 55 E., thence up the ridge to the top of the drainage divide between Dry Canyon and Three Springs Canyon to a point near the center of Section 18, T. 23 N., R. 55 E., thence eastward about one (1) mile to the high peak on the unit and district line, being the drainage divide of the Diamond Range, in the north half of Section 17, T. 23 N., R. 55 E., thence south along this drainage divide about three (3) miles to the point in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, T. 23 N., R. 55 E., the point of beginning for the North Spring area.

It is further agreed that the above-described allotment boundary constitutes a fair, equitable, and practical range division, based on the respective qualifications of our dependent base property under the Grazing Regulations, and as such shall be binding upon our respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors in interest or assigns.

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Black Point

Beginning at the high peak on the drainage divide of the Diamond Range near the NE corner of section 6, T. 22 N., R. 55 E., thence south along the drainage divide which is the unit and district boundary, a distance of about nineteen (19) miles to the fence around Poison Spring in the NE corner of section 12, T. 19 N., R. 54 E., thence in a north-westerly direction up the canyon on the SW side of the road along the fence to the saddle south of Alpha Peak in the center of T. 19 N., R. 54 e., section 12, NENW, thence in a south westerly direction following the high ridges, old bladed line, and fence to a point near the center of section 11, T. 19 N., R. 54 E., thence west and northwest along the ridge south of Pastorino Canyon, thence across Pastorino and around the west side of the private ground in Pastorino Canyon, thence in a northerly direction to the east quarter corner of section 33, T. 20 N., R. 54 E., thence in a northwesterly direction across Dry Canyon going halfway between the patented lands containing Four-Eyed Nick's Springs and the Eunice Place, thence in a north and westerly direction along the Alpha fence to a point in section 19, T. 20 N., R. 54 E., where the Alpha fence meets the fence around the crested wheatgrass seeding used by Edward Melka, thence northeast about three quarters (3/4) mile to where the fence corners in section 20, T. 20 N., R. 54 E., thence north and west along the fence around Melka's Seeding between it and the Cottonwood Seeding to the Hunter Seeding fence, thence along this fence to a point where it corners in the SE $_2$ of section 12, T. 20 N., R. 53 E., thence northwesterly in a straight line to the NW corner of Section 12, T. 20 N., R. 53 E., thence northerly along the edge of the desert land entries as follows: North seven-tenths (0.7) mile, east one (1) mile, north one and one-half (1-1/2) miles, west one (1) mile, north one (1) mile, east one-half (1/2) mile, north one quarter (1/4) mile, east one-half (1/2) mile, north three and three quarters (3-3/4) miles to the northwest corner of section 6, T. 21 N., R. 54 E., thence east one (1) mile to the Desert Land entries then following the boundary fence north two (2) miles, east one (1) mile, north one (1) mile, thence west about seven-tenths (0.7) miles to a point on the county road on the south border of section 20, T. 22 N., R. 54 E., thence north east direction along the road a distance of about two and one quarter (2.25) miles to a point on the road near the Wa corner of section 16, T. 22 N., R. 54 E., thence northeasterly in a straight line, a distance of about two and one half (2-1/2) miles to the base of the ridge between Walters and Homestead Canyons at a point near the SW corner of section 2, T. 22 N., R. 54 E., thence eastward up the ridge between Walters and Homestead Canyons, a distance of three (3) miles to the unit and district line at the high peak near the NE corner of section 6, T. 22 N., R. 55 E., the point of beginning.

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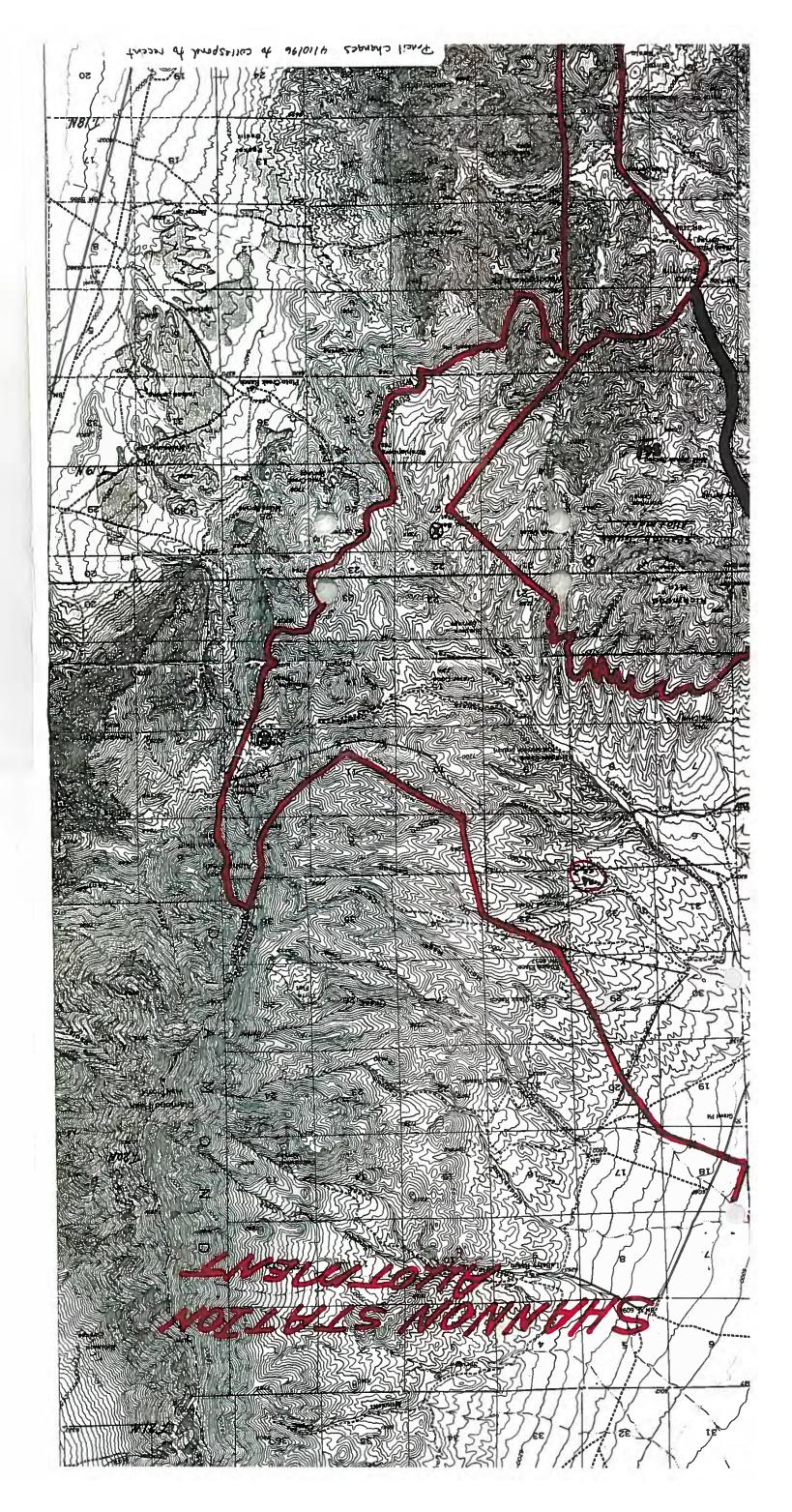
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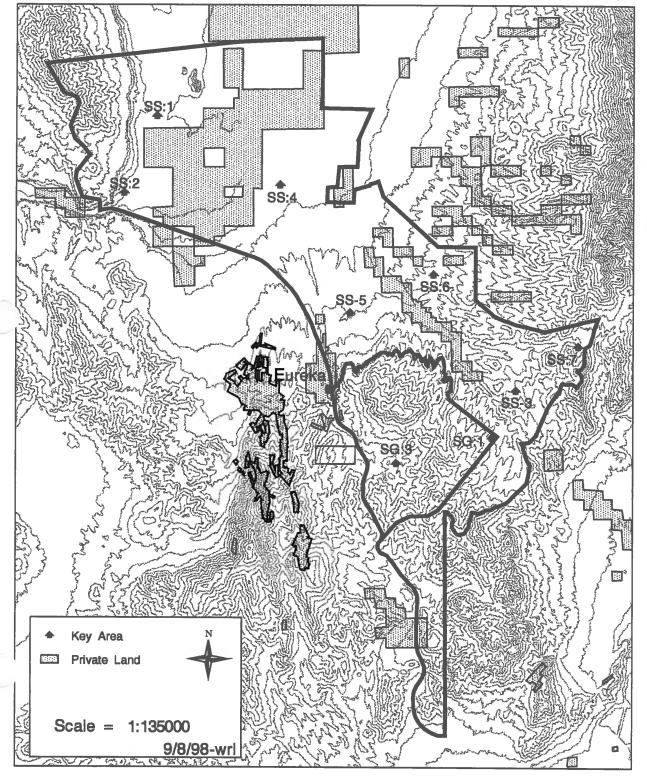
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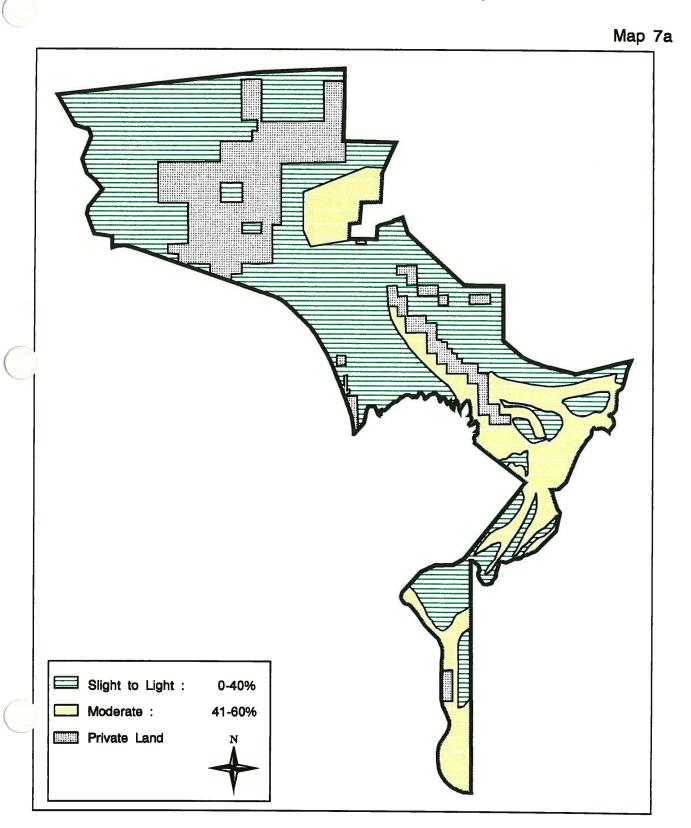


Shannon Station / Spanish Gulch Key Area Locations

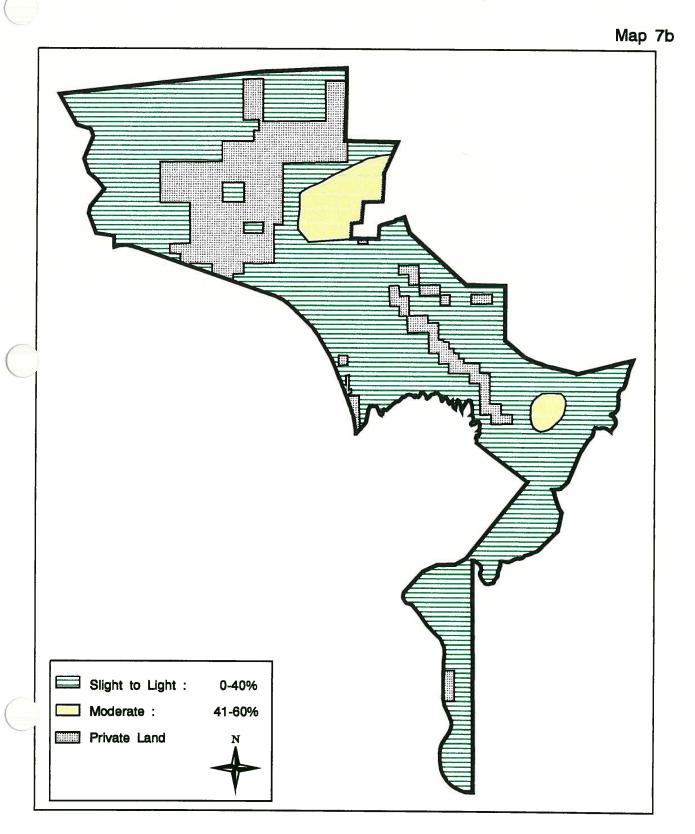
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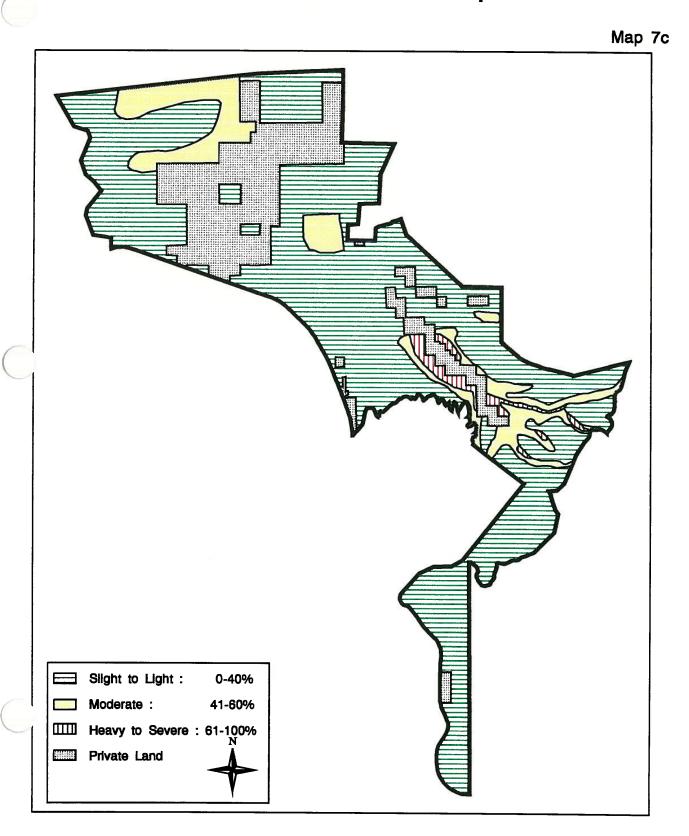
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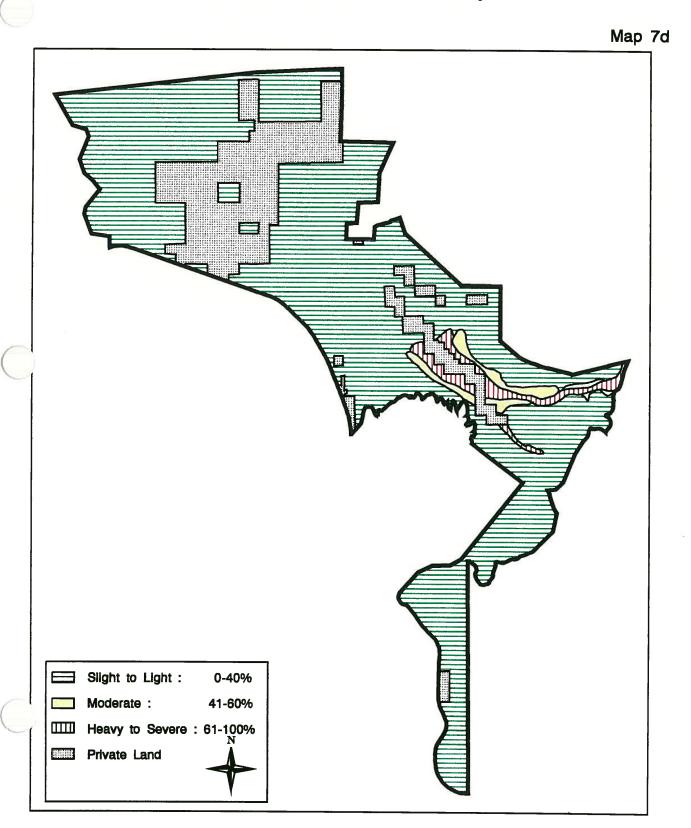
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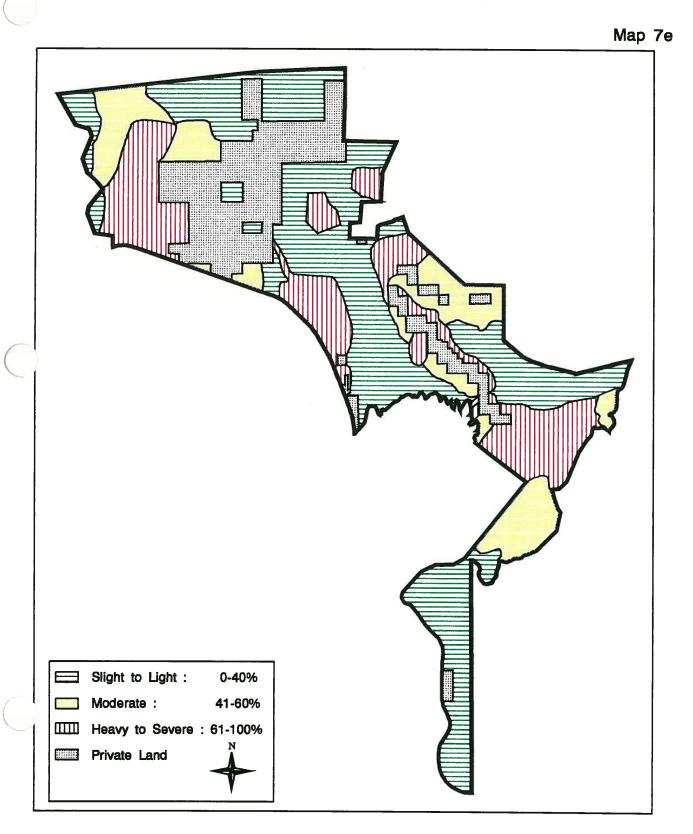
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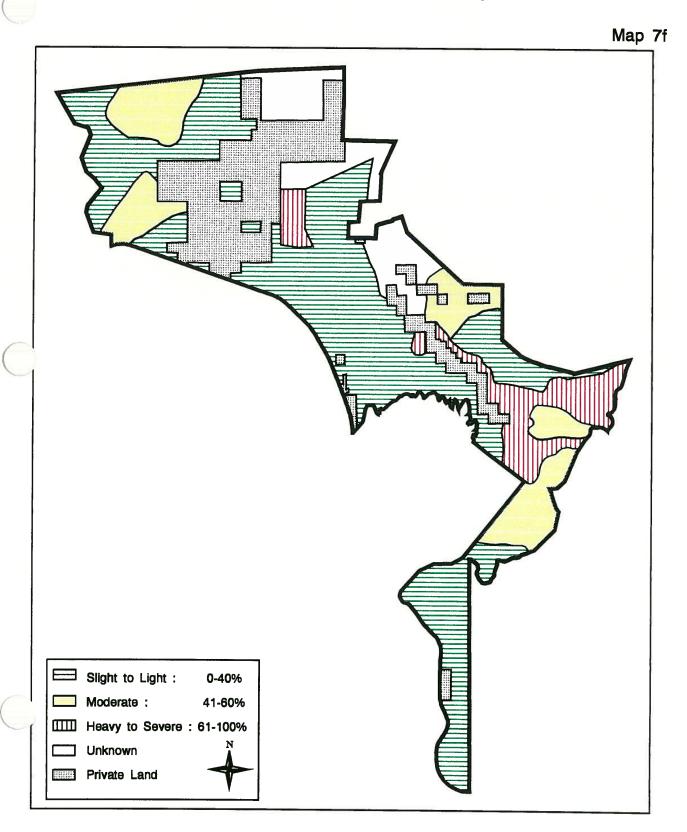
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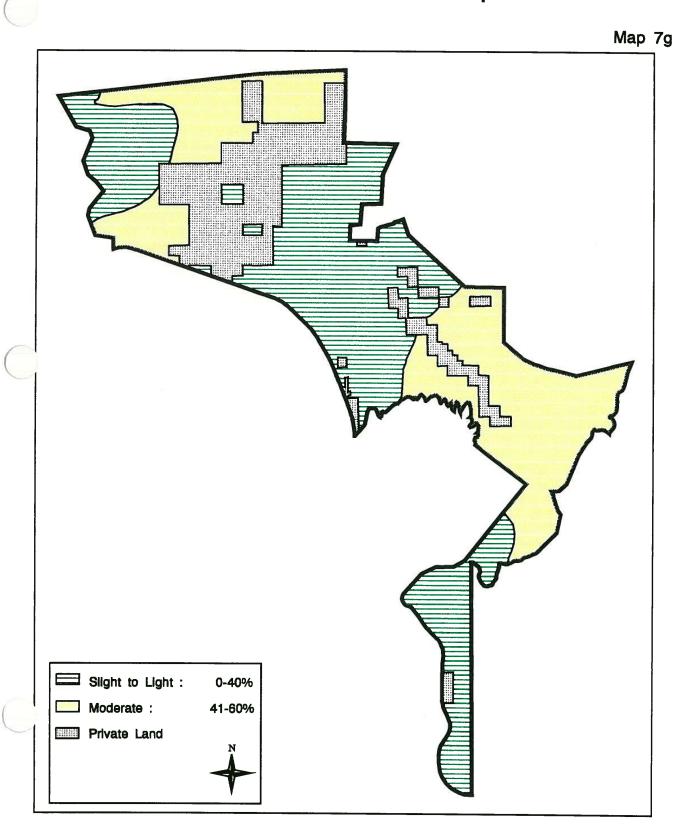
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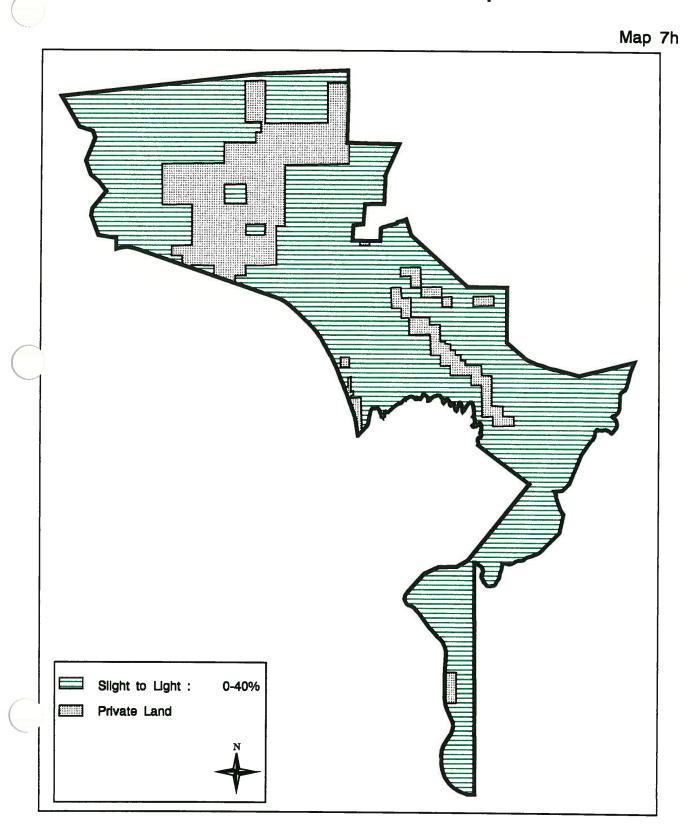
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Standard 3. Habitat: Habitats exhibit a healthy, productive, and diverse population of native and/or desirable plant species, appropriate to the site characteristics, to provide suitable feed, water, cover and living space for animal species and maintain ecological processes. Habitat conditions meet the life cycle requirements of threatened and endangered species.

Standard 4. Cultural Resources: Land use plans will recognize cultural resources within the context of multiple use.

The specific multiple use objectives for the Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch allotments are listed below:

Land Use Plan/Rangeland Program Summary (RPS) Objectives

Vegetation and Ecological Condition

- 1. Utilization not to exceed 50% on key species by seed dissemination, and 60% by the end of the grazing year.
- 2. In the long term, improve 6,414 acres to good, and 350 acres to excellent condition.
- 3. In the long term, manage for upward trend on 7,056 acres.

Livestock Existing Use/Management Objective

- 1. Existing use: 2,848 AUMs cattle and sheep.
- 2. In the short term, manage use at 2,848 AUMs.
- 3. In the long term, manage use at 3,242 AUMs in conformance with other objectives of the RMP.

Wildlife Management Objectives

- 1. Utilization of key browse species not to exceed 50% in terrestrial big game habitat areas.
- 2. Existing big game use (AUMs): 1,391. In the long term, provide habitat to support 1,135 AUMs (forage needs for reasonable numbers) of big game use, in conformance with the objectives of the RMP.
- 3. In the long term, within the Diamond Hills Habitat Management Plan (HMP) Area, improve 3,656 acres of terrestrial big game habitat to good, and 199 acres to excellent condition. Manage for upward trends on 4,021 acres.
- 4. Manage rangeland habitat to maintain or enhance sagegrouse strutting and nesting areas, in conformance with other objectives of the RMP.

Wild Horse and Burro Management Objectives

- 1. Initially manage to provide 180 AUMs of forage for 15 horses within the Diamond Herd Management Area. 7.5% of the herd management area is within this allotment.
- 2. Maintain or improve wild horse habitat in a condition which enhances or preserves their wild and free roaming behavior, in conformance with other objectives of the RMP. (For example the absence of fences which disrupts normal distribution and movement patterns.)

3. Maintain or improve wild horse habitat by ensuring free access to water, in conformance with other objectives of the RMP.

Special Status Species

There are no known listed, proposed, or candidate species within the allotment.

Through the consultation, cooperation, and coordination process (CCC), protests of the Proposed Multiple Use Decision (PMUD) were received from Eureka County and James Baumann, listing the following point(s) of protest:

1. Failure to adequately address Eureka's comments dated November 27, 1998 on the Diamond Mountain Complex. Of particular concern are the methodology and conclusions regarding utilization maps, stocking rates, ecological condition and trend, season of use and wildlife and riparian recommendations.

The previous point(s) of protest and comments received following the protest period during the tour of the Diamond Mountain complex and meetings with affected permittees have been considered in developing the Final Multiple Use Decision. The BLM has properly followed procedures in data collection as outlined in the Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook and "Sampling Vegetation Attributes, Interagency Technical Reference, 1996", Riparian Area Management, Process for Assessing Proper Functioning Condition, TR 1737-9, 1993", Riparian Area Management, Process for Assessing Proper Functioning Condition for Lentic Riparian-Wetland Areas, TR 1737-11, 1994" and "BLM Manual 1630- Big Game Studies".

As a result of the evaluation and input received from the permittee(s) and interested publics I have determined the following standards and/or objectives have not been met:

Standard 1. Upland Sites- is not currently being met. Average utilization exceed 60% several years throughout the evaluation period. Production (DPC) and frequency data showed several key species occurred in low percentages at Key Management Areas (KMAs). In addition, at 3 KMAs the cheatgrass component comprised at least 25% of the plant community by weight. Standard 2. Riparian and Wetland Sites- is not currently being met. Several of the lentic and lotic riparian areas were determined to be non-functional or functional-at-risk with a static or downward trend. In order to meet this standard all riparian areas must be in proper functioning condition (PFC) or making significant progress towards PFC. In addition utilization levels were found to be heavy/severe in riparian areas.

Standard 3. Habitat-is not currently being met. Mule deer habitat (key browse) studies showed a large portion of the browse species were mature or decadent with low recruitment. In addition, some of the key browse species were severely hedged. Production (DPC) and frequency data showed several key species occurred in low percentages at KMAs. The cheatgrass component comprised at least 25% of the plant community by weight at 3 KMAs.

Through the allotment evaluation process it was determined that changes in existing livestock management are needed to meet multiple use objectives established by the LUP and Standards for Rangeland Health as outlined for the Northeastern Great Basin Area. It was determined that wildlife were not contributing to the non-attainment of these objectives or Standards, therefore, no wildlife

decision is necessary. As a result of the evaluation conclusions and after considerations of input received during the tour and through the CCC process, my final decision is:

LIVESTOCK GRAZING MANAGEMENT DECISION

Manage Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch as one allotment. Sheep use will be permitted in the Spanish Gulch pasture of the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment.

Changes in permitted use are identified below:

From:

	Livest	tock			
Allotment Shannon Station/ Spanish Gulch	Kind	<u>Number</u>	Season of Use	%PL	<u>AUMs</u>
Baumann	Cattle	135	04/01-04/30	97	129
		350	05/01-10/31	97	2,054
		160	11/01-12/15	97	230
		120	02/01-02/28	97	107
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Ithurralde	Sheep tota	643 I	05/01-09/30	100	<u>647</u> 3,167

To:

Plan A

	Livest	tock			
Allotment Shannon Station/ Spanish Gulch	Kind	<u>Number</u>	Season of Use	%PL	<u>AUMs</u>
Baumann	Cattle	136 350 197	04/01-04/30 05/01-10/14 10/15-02/28	97 97 97	130 1,529 <u>861</u>
Ithurralde	tota Sheep tota	643	05/01-09/30	100	2,520 <u>647</u> 3,167

Cattle grazing on the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment will be authorized in accordance with the following interim grazing system, this grazing system will become part of the terms and conditions on each permit for the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment.

		Treatment A	Treatment B
<u>Pasture</u>	Season of Use	Even Years	Odd Years
Whistler	Spring	defer	04/01-04/30,
	Fall/Winter	10/15-02/28	10/15-02/28
Willow	Spring	04/01-04/30,	defer
	Fall/Winter	10/15-02/28	10/15-02/28
Sixth Street	Spring	defer	defer
	Fall/Winter	10/15-02/28	10/15-02/28
Simpson Seeding	Spring	defer	defer
	Fall/Winter	10/15-02/28	10/15-02/28
Williams	Summer	05/01-06/11	00/04 10/14
Newark			09/04-10/14
	Summer	06/12-07/23	07/24-09/03
Angelo Belli	Summer	07/24-09/03	06/12-07/23
Rocky Knoll	Summer	09/04-10/14	05/01-06/11

This interim grazing system identifies the first 2 years of a repeating grazing system. Beginning in Year 3 cattle grazing will continue with Treatment A, etc... A reasonable effort will be made to ensure minimal cattle drift between the mountain pastures until fences #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are constructed.

To:

Plan B

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Allotment Shannon Station/	<u>Kind</u>	Number	Season of Use	%PL	<u>AUMs</u>
Spanish Gulch					
Baumann	Cattle	130	04/01-05/14	97	182
		300	05/15-12/31	97	2,210
		68	01/01-02/28	97	128
	total				2,520
Ithurrlade	Sheep	643	05/01-09/30	100	647
	total				3,167

The grazing system identified in Plan A will be used in the interim until the necessary range improvements are developed to implement the grazing system below, which incorporates recommendations identified in "Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment- Technical Recommendations, submitted by James Baumann and Eureka County Department of Natural Resources". Upon the completion of the pasture fences and vegetation manipulations, the grazing system in Plan B will be implemented upon notification from the Authorized Officer and the terms and conditions of the term permit will be changed upon receipt of this notification as follows:

		Treatment A	Treatment B	Treatment C	Treatment D
<u>Pasture</u>	Season of Use	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Whistler/Seeding	Spring	04/01-05/14,	defer	defer	defer
	Fall/Winter	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28
Willow	Spring	defer	04/01-05/14,	defer	defer
	Fall/Winter	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28
Sixth Street	Spring	defer	defer	04/01-05/14,	defer
	Fall/Winter	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28
Simpson Seeding	Spring	defer	defer	defer	04/01-05/14,
	Fall/Winter	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28

Williams	Summer	06/15-07/15	Rest	05/15-06/14	07/16-08/14
Newark	Summer	07/16-08/14	05/15-06/14	06/15-07/15	Rest
Angelo Belli	Summer	Rest	06/15-07/15	07/16-08/14	05/15-06/14
Rocky Knoll	Summer	05/15-06/14	07/16-08/14	Rest	06/15-07/15

This grazing system identifies the first 4 years of a repeating grazing system. Beginning in Year 5 cattle grazing will continue with Treatment A, etc...

In addition to the permitted use identified above, the following additional terms and conditions shall be made part of all grazing permits in the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment:

Baumann Permit

This permit reflects your adjusted grazing permitted use based upon the "Allotment Evaluation" for this allotment. The term of this permit shall be for ten years. The terms and/or conditions of this permit shall be amended or changed when additional and/or new monitoring data reflects the need to do so.

The terms and conditions of this permit must be consistent with the Standards and Guidelines approved February 12, 1997 for the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) area.

Utilization of "Key Forage Species" will not exceed 50% by seed dissemination and 60% by the end of the grazing year.

Key species at the 6 KMAs are to meet of make significant progress towards DPC.

Residual riparian vegetation, appropriate for the site, will be left in riparian or wetland habitats by the end of the growing year.

Plan A

Cattle grazing will be done in accordance with the grazing system identified in the Final Multiple Use Decision for the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment dated 01/05/00.

Plan B

Cattle grazing will be done in accordance with the grazing system identified in the Final Multiple Use Decision for the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment dated 01/05/00.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.8-1(f): Failure to pay grazing bills within 15 days of the due date specified in the bill shall result in a late fee assessment of \$25.00 or 10% of the grazing bill, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$250.00. Payment made later than 15 days after the due date, shall include appropriate late fee assessments. Failure to make payment within 30 days may be a violation of 43 CFR sec. 4140.1(b)(1) and shall result in action by the authorized officer under 43 CFR sec. 410.1 and 4160.1-2.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2(d): Actual use information, for each use area, will be submitted to the authorized officer within 15 days of completing grazing as specified on the grazing permit and/or grazing licenses. Actual use information will be provided for each pasture in the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment

In accordance with 43 CFR 4120.3-1(a): Range improvements shall be installed, used, and maintained, and/or modified on the public lands, or removed from the public lands, in a manner consistent with multiple use management.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2(c): In order to improve livestock and rangeland management on the public lands, all salt and/or mineral supplements will not be placed within 1/4 mile of any riparian area, wet meadow, or watering facility (either permanent or temporary) unless stipulated through a written agreement or decision.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2(h): All grazing permittees shall provide reasonable access across private and/or leased lands to the Bureau of Land Management for the orderly management and protection of public lands.

Pursuant to 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 objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (as defined at 43 CFR 10.2). 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 by the authorized officer.

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Utilization of "Key Forage Species" will not exceed 50% by seed dissemination and 60% by the end of the grazing year.

Sheep camps will be placed a minimum of 1/4 mile from all permanent water.

Sheep camps will be moved every 5 days. No 2 sheep camps will camp in the same area in a grazing year.

New bed grounds will be used every night. Bed grounds will be a minimum of 1/4 mile from previous bed grounds.

Camp sites will be cleaned with all trash removed.

Key species at the 6 KMAs are to meet of make significant progress towards DPC.

Residual riparian vegetation, appropriate for the site, will be left in riparian or wetland habitats by the end of the growing year.

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The following range improvements will be developed on the Shannon Station allotment:

- 1a: Construct fence(s) #2, 4, 7;
- 1b. Develop springs, as state and federal law allow;
- 1c. Establish permanent water haul locations;
- 2a. Thin sagebrush on approximately 800 acres in the Whistler Pasture;
- 2b. Establish 525 acre seeding in the Whistler Pasture;
- 2c. Construct pipeline from Simpson Spring;
- 2d. Construct pipeline from well in Simpson seeding;
- 3a. Construct fence #1, 3, 5, and 6;
- 3b. Vegetation manipulation in the Sixth Street Pasture.

RATIONALE: Through the allotment evaluation and multiple use decision process it was determined that the following standards and/or objectives are not being met.

Standard 1. Upland Sites- is not currently being met. Average utilization exceed 60% several years throughout the evaluation period. Production (DPC) and frequency data showed several key species occurred in low percentages at Key Management Areas (KMAs). In addition, at 3 KMAs the cheatgrass component comprised at least 25% of the plant community by weight. Standard 2. Riparian and Wetland Sites- is not currently being met. Several of the lentic and lotic riparian areas were determined to be non-functional or functional-at-risk with a static or downward trend. In order to meet this standard all riparian areas must be in proper functioning condition (PFC) or making significant progress towards PFC. In addition utilization levels were found to be heavy/severe in riparian areas.

Standard 3. Habitat-is not currently being met. Mule deer habitat (key browse) studies showed a large portion of the browse species were mature or decadent with low recruitment. In addition, some of the key browse species were severely hedged. Production (DPC) and frequency data showed several key species occurred in low percentages at KMAs. The cheatgrass component comprised at least 25% of the plant community by weight at 3 KMAs.

In order to ensure significant progress is being made towards achieving these standards the following management action(s) will be implemented: 1. implement an interim grazing schedule which will: a) provide spring rest for each pasture 3 out of 4 years; and b) reduce grazing pressure in the mountain pastures; 2. develop fences and vegetation manipulations to implement

final grazing schedule which will further reduce grazing pressure in the mountain pastures and help improve riparian and wildlife habitat.

The main concern with livestock management on the Shannon Station allotment is distribution problems. Development of range improvements in conjunction with changes in season of use in the mountain pastures will provide for improvement of upland, riparian and wildlife habitat vegetation. The Spanish Gulch allotment has historically been used for sheep grazing with cattle use allowed from cattle from Shannon Station due to the lack of fencing. These allotments will be combined into 1 allotment.

The selected management actions in this multiple use decision are appropriate and will result in significant progress toward fulfillment of the standards and conformance with the guidelines for the Northeastern Great Basin Area.

AUTHORITY: The authority for this decision is contained in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) including, but not limited to the following:

4100.0-8: "The authorized officer shall manage livestock grazing on public lands under the principle of multiple use and sustained yield, and in accordance with applicable land use plans. Land use plans shall establish allowable resource uses (either singly or in combination), related levels of production or use to be maintained, areas of use, and resource condition goals and objectives to be obtained. The plans also set forth program constraints and general management practices needed to achieve management objectives. Livestock grazing activities and management actions approved by the authorized officer shall be in conformance with the land use plan as defined at 43 CFR 1601.0-5(b)."

4110.2-4: "After consultation, cooperation, and coordination with the affected grazing permittees or lessees, the State having lands or responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public, the authorized officer may designate and adjust grazing allotment boundaries. The authorized officer may combine or divide allotments, through an agreement or by decision, when necessary for the proper and efficient management of public lands."

4110.3: "The authorized officer shall periodically review the permitted use specified in a grazing permit or lease and shall make changes in the permitted use as needed to manage, maintain or improve rangeland productivity, to assist in restoring ecosystems to properly functioning condition, to conform with land use plans or activity plans, or to comply with the provisions of subpart 4180 of this part. These changes must be supported by monitoring, field observations, ecological site inventory or other data acceptable to the authorized officer:"

4110.3-2: "(a)Permitted use may be suspended in whole or in part on a temporary basis due to drought, fire, or other natural causes, or to facilitate installation, maintenance, or modification of range improvements. (b)When monitoring or field observations show grazing use or patterns of use are not consistent with the provisions of subpart 4180, or grazing use is otherwise causing an unacceptable level or pattern of utilization, or when use exceeds the livestock carrying capacity as determined through monitoring, ecological site inventory or other acceptable methods, the authorized officer shall reduce permitted grazing use or otherwise modify management practices."

- 4110.3-3(a): "After consultation, cooperation, and coordination with the affected permittee or lessee, the State having lands or managing resources within the area, and the interested public, reductions of permitted use shall be implemented through a documented agreement or by decision of the authorized officer. Decisions implementing §4110.3-2 shall be issued as proposed decisions pursuant to §4160.1, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section."
- 4130.3: "Livestock grazing permits and leases shall contain terms and conditions determined by the authorized officer to be appropriate to achieve management and resource condition objectives for the public lands and other lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and to ensure conformance with the provisions of subpart 4180 of this part."
- 4130.3-1: "(a) The authorized officer shall specify the kind and number of livestock, the period(s) of use, the allotment(s) to be used, and the amount of use, in animal unit months, for every grazing permit or lease. The authorized livestock grazing shall not exceed the livestock carrying capacity of the allotment. (b) All permits and leases shall be made subject to cancellation, suspension, or modification for any violation of these regulations or any term or condition of the permit or lease."
- 4130.3-3: "Following consultation, cooperation and coordination with the affected lessees or permittees, the State having lands or responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public, the authorized officer may modify terms and conditions of the permit or lease when the active use or related management practices are not meeting the land use plan, allotment management plan or other activity plan, or management objectives, or is not in conformance with the provisions of subpart 4180 of this part. To the extent practical, the authorized officer shall provide to affected permittees or lessees, States having lands or responsibility for managing resources within the affected area, and the interested public and opportunity to review, comment and give input during the preparation of reports that evaluate monitoring and other data that are used as a basis for making decisions to increase or decrease grazing *use*, or to change the terms and conditions of a permit or lease."
- 4130.3-2: "The authorized officer may specify in grazing permits or leases other terms and conditions which will assist in achieving management objectives, provide for proper range management or assist in the orderly administration of the public rangelands. ..."
- 4160.1(a): "Proposed decisions shall be served on any affected applicant, permittee or lessee, and any agent and lien holder of record, who is affected by the proposed actions, terms or conditions, or modifications relating to applications, permits and agreements (including range improvement permits) or leases, by certified mail or personal delivery. Copies of proposed decisions shall also be sent to the interested public."
- 4160.2: "Any applicant, permittee, lessee or other interested public may protest the proposed decision under §4160.1 of this title in person or in writing to the authorized officer within 15 days after receipt of such decision."
- 4180.1: "The authorized officer shall take appropriate action under subparts 4110, 4120, 4130 and 4160 of this part as soon as practicable but not later than the start of the next grazing year upon determining that existing grazing management needs to be modified to ensure that the following conditions exist.

- (a) Watersheds are in, or are making significant progress toward, properly functioning physical condition, including their upland, riparian-wetland, and aquatic components; soil and plant conditions support infiltration, soil moisture storage, and the release of water that are in balance with climate and landform and maintain or improve water quality, water quantity, and timing and duration of flow.

 (b) Ecological process, including the hydrologic cycle, nutrient cycle, and energy flow, are maintained, or there is significant progress toward their attainment, in order to support healthy biotic populations and communities.
- (c) Water quality complies with State water quality standards and achieves, or is making significant progress toward achieving, established BLM management objectives such as meeting wildlife needs. (d) Habitats are, or are making significant progress toward being, restored or maintained for Federal threatened and endangered species, Federal Proposed, Category 1 and 2 Federal candidate and other special status species."

4180.2(c): "The authorized officer shall take appropriate action as soon as practicable but not later than the next grazing year upon determining that existing grazing management practices or levels of grazing use on public lands are significant factors in failing to achieve the standards and conform with the guidelines that are made effective under this section. Appropriate action means implementing actions pursuant to subparts 4110, 4120, 4130 and 4160 of this part that will result in significant progress toward conformance with the guidelines. Practices and activities subject to standards and guidelines include the development of grazing-related portions of activity plans, establishment of terms and conditions of permits, leases and other grazing authorizations, and range improvement activities such as vegetation manipulation, fence construction and development of water."

APPEAL: In accordance with 43 CFR 4160.4: "Any person whose interest is adversely affected by a final decision of the authorized officer may appeal the decision for the purpose of a hearing before an administrative law judge by following the requirements set out in § 4.470 of this title. As stated in that part, the appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days from receipt of this notice or within 30 days after the date the proposed decision becomes final as provided by § 4160.3(a). Appeals and petitions for stay of the decision shall be filed at the office of the authorized officer. The authorized officer shall promptly transmit the appeal and petition for stay and the accompanying administrative record to ensure their timely arrival at the Office of Hearings and Appeals." Appeals and petitions for stay shall be filed with Jeffrey A. Weeks, Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820. The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, why the appellant believes this decision was issued in error. All grounds of error not stated will be considered waived.

Should you wish to file a petition for stay, the appellant shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- 1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
- 2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits;
- 3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted; and
- 4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

WILD HORSE AND BURRO MANAGEMENT DECISION

It has been determined through monitoring that a thriving ecological balance can be obtained through an Appropriate Management Level (AML) of 11 wild horses 137 AUMs for that portion of the Diamond Herd Management Area which occurs in the Shannon Station allotment.

	Average	
	Actual Use	AML
Wild Horses	11	11
AUMs	137	137

RATIONALE: The analysis and evaluation of available monitoring data indicates that wild horse populations are not contributing to the non-attainment of the multiple use objectives and Standards for this allotment. By establishing an AML for wild horses of 137 AUMs, wild horse populations will not adversely affect resource values in the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment.

AUTHORITY: The authority for this decision is contained in Sec. 3(a), Wild Horse and Burro Act (P. L. 92-195) and Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations including, but not limited to the following:

4700.0-6(a): "Wild horses and burros shall be managed as self-sustaining populations of healthy animals in balance with other uses and the productive capacity of their habitat."

4700.0-6(b): "In administering these regulations, the authorized officer shall consult with Federal and State wildlife agencies and all other affected interests, to involve them in planning for and management of wild horses and burros on the public lands."

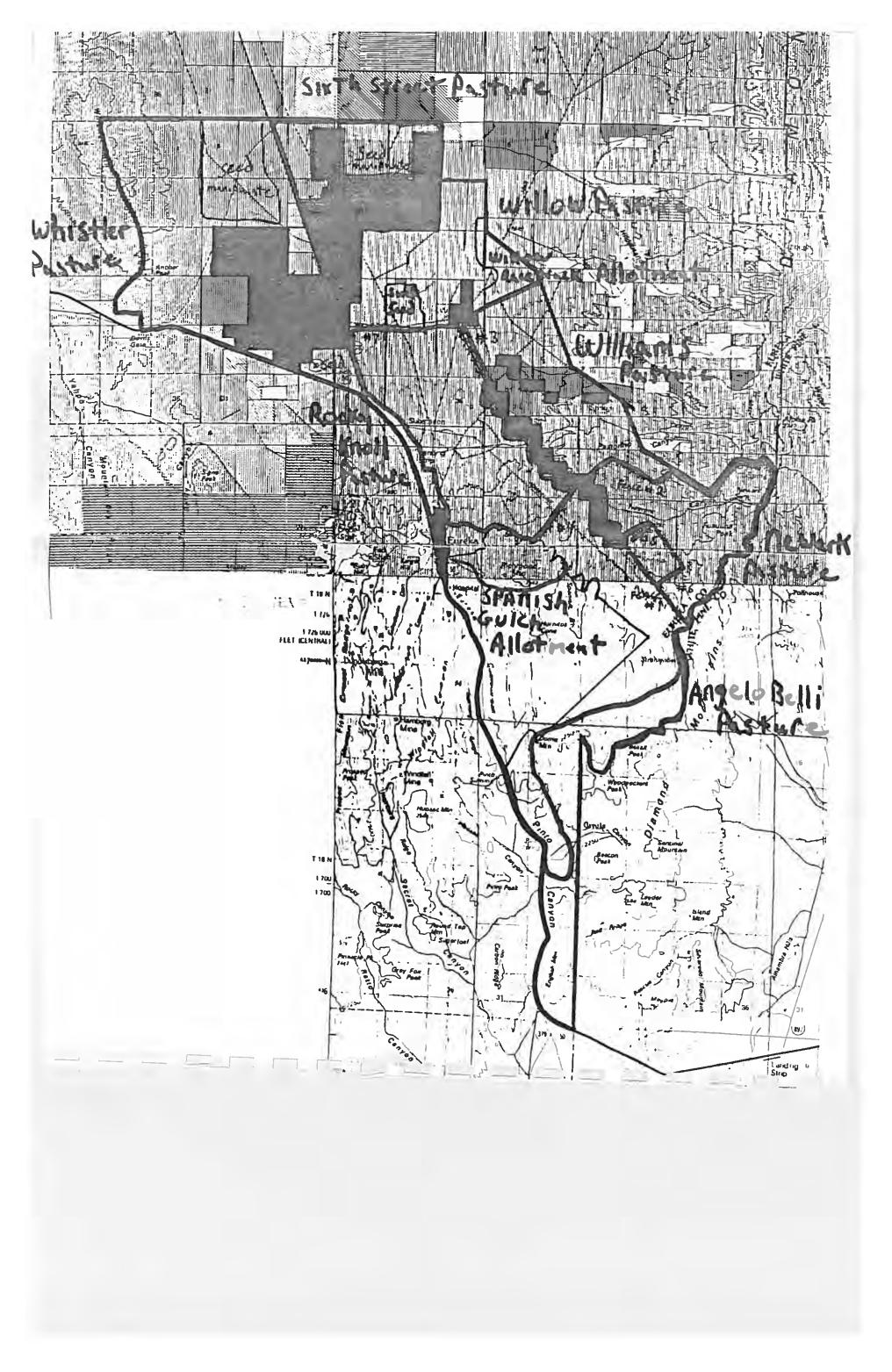
APPEAL: In accordance with 43 CFR 4770.3 (a) "Any person adversely affected by a decision of the authorized officer in the administration of these regulations may file an appeal. Appeals and petitions for stay of a decision of the authorized officer must be filed within 30 days of receipt of the decision in accordance with 43 CFR part 4." Appeals and petitions for stay shall be filed with Jeffrey A. Weeks, Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820. The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, why the appellant believes this decision was issued in error. All grounds of error not stated will be considered waived.

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SHANNON STATION/SPANISH GULCH TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATION DIAMOND COMPLEX EVALUATION

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Introduction

Concerning the Diamond Mountains Evaluation Mr. James Bauman wishes to submit this technical recommendation pertaining to the future management of the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotments. Mr. Bauman recognizes his current livestock use agreement and will adhere to the terms of the agreement until a long term multiple use management plan is adopted.

The problems associated with Mr. Bauman's Livestock Allotment could easily be remedied with different management practices. Mr. Bauman is concerned about the condition of the riparian areas, wildlife issues as well as overall range condition. Mr. Bauman wishes to recommend seven fences for construction which together would equal approximately 8 miles. Also three possible areas for vegetation manipulation which no longer possess an understory as a component of the plant community. Water developments with possible haul sites. And a grazing system with a herd management scheme that could be both beneficial as well as economically feasible.

Fences. 1B

Proposal: Seven fences are constructed effectively dividing the allotment into 5 pastures east of State Route 278 and one riparian pasture at Simpson Springs. Two more pastures already exist due to private property ownership and the right-of-way of State Route 278. Mr. Bauman expresses his willingness to provide the labor for the construction of these fences and maintenance if approved.

Fence #1: 1.5 miles running from Mr. Baumans property to the allotment boundary fence above Pinto Creek. Effectively separating Angelo Belli Pasture from Newark Pasture.

Fence #2: 2 miles running from Mr. Baumans property along the ridgeline to the allotment boundary with Black Point. Effectively separating Newark Pasture from Williams Pasture. This route is proposed because it evenly divides the range types occurring within these pastures, as well as makes water availability more evenly distributed.

Fence #3: 1 mile running from Mr. Baumans property to the Willows Ranch. Effectively separating the Rocky Knolls Pasture from the Williams Pasture.

Fence #4: 1 mile of drift fence running from Mr. Baumans property along the ridge above Cottonwood Canyon. Effectively separating Angelo Belli Pasture from Rocky Knoll Pasture. The unfenced portion of the pasture is effectively separated by steepness of the slope. This drift fence would effectively keep livestock from moving between pastures.

Fences #5 and #6: Both drift fences a quarter mile. Fence #5 runs from Mr. Baumans property to Crater Cone. Fence #6 runs from fence #1 to top of high knoll above Simpson Springs effectively creating a riparian pasture. Mr. Bauman expresses his willingness to pipe the water out of Simpson Springs Riparian Pasture if approved.

Fence #7:3/4 mile running from Simpson Seeding to private lands, effectively separating Rocky Knoll Pasture from Willow Pasture while protecting winterfat stand from wrong season of use as well as controling livestock drift.

Vegetation Manipulation. 2A

Proposal: Areas lacking understory as a component of the plant community be manipulated to provide a viable resource for wildlife and livestock in order to realize the lost potential and resources that exist within these areas. The Rangeland Program Summary for the Shoshone/Eureka Resource Area recognizes a 525 acre seeding as a long term management goal on the Shannon Station Allotment. This goal should be realized in order to provide an area for livestock to go to in order to get off of critical Terrestrial Big Game Habitat earlier in the grazing season before heavy utilization occurs on key browse plant species. Mr. Bauman expresses his willingness to keep livestock off of any area that is vegetatively manipulated for the prescribed 2-3 years if mechanical means are used. Since grazing potential doesn't currently exist this shouldn't pose any problems.

Whistler Pasture vegetative manipulation: 800 candidate acres of Wyoming Big Sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata wyomingensis*) monoculture that could be mechanically manipulated in a mosaic pattern to provide a replacement of the grass component as well as provide areas of cover for wildlife. Provide an area for livestock to go in order to get off of Terrestrial Big Game Habitat earlier in the grazing system.

Sixth Street Pasture vegetative manipulation: 660 candidate acres of Wyoming Big Sagebrush (Artemisia tridentata wyomingensis) monoculture be mechanically manipulated in order to replace the understory component in the plant community. Or permit broadcast seeding of native as well as introduced species in conjunction with supplemental feeding during the winter from Jan. 1st to Feb 28th creating a feedlot situation where the brush is trampled and Mr. Bauman is permitted to broadcast seed prior and during livestock movements allowing the hoof action of the cattle to work the seed into the ground along with the winter and subsequent spring snowstorms. Allow subsequent treatments until a grass component is returned to the community.

U.S. 50 and State Route 278 vegetative manipulation: 200 acres of Wyoming Big Sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata wyomingensis*) monoculture that potentially could be vegetatively manipulated as a place for livestock to go in order to get off of Terrestrial Big Game habitat prior to heavy utilization of key browse species. This area would prove difficult to incorporate in a grazing management plan.

Mr. Bauman expresses support of any method of vegetation manipulation in order to replace the grass component that is absent in these plant communities. This would create a place to take livestock in order to get off of Terrestrial Big Game habitat prior to the heavy utilization of key browse plant species.

Grazing System 3A

Proposal: If pasture fences are constructed a Deferred Rest-Rotation Grazing System be implemented in the mountain areas of Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment. If vegetation manipulation is applied and successful in replacing the grass component a Seasonal-Suitability Grazing System be applied to the low lying areas of the Shannon Station Allotment.

Example: Deferred Rest-Rotation Grazing System.

Pastures:	Newark	Angelo Belli	Williams	$\underline{Rocky}\ \underline{Knoll}$
Year 1 -early summer		graze graze	defer graze	graze defer
Year 2 -early summer		rest rest	graze defer	graze graze
Year 3 -early summer	_	defer graze	graze graze	rest rest
Year 4 -early summer	•	graze defer	rest rest	defer graze

Example: Deferred Seasonal-Suitability Grazing System

Pastures:	Simpson Seeding	Whistler	Willow	Seeding2
early spring	defer	graze	graze	defer
late summer/ea	arly fall graze	defer	defer	graze
late fall	defer	graze	graze	defer

Mr. Bauman expresses interest in a deferred rest-rotational grazing system in the mountainous areas and a seasonal suitability grazing system in the valley locations of the Shannon Station Allotment. He recognizes the need for a change in management in order to rectify the riparian associated issues as well as wildlife concerns. Further Mr. Bauman believes a deferred rest-rotational system can easily be employed with minimal fencing while creating maximum benefits for wildlife, riparian, and livestock. vegetative manipulation of areas in Diamond Valley would allow Mr. Bauman the flexibility to stay off the mountain areas until later in the season and/or get off the mountain earlier in the season prior to heavy livestock utilization on key wildlife browse species. The continuous grazing system currently employed is the only option available for livestock use in this area due to lack of range improvements associated with Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment. Riding, herd movement, salt placement and alternating turn out points are the alternatives available at the present time. With a deferred restrotation grazing system areas currently utilized every year would be able to be rested, deferred at least part of the season every two out of four years, while having complete rest one out of four years, and only one full season of use one year out of four. With the proper implementation every pasture would have two continuous full growing seasons of rest out of the four year rotation. It is recognized that a deferred rest-rotation can be beneficial in mountainous areas; especially in locations where nearly all problems are associated with riparian zones. A seasonal suitability grazing system is suggested for the lowlands because a rest-rotation is rarely successful on lower terrain due to the lower precipitation zone which isn't conducive for plant response to this treatment. A seasonal suitability grazing system for the lowlands would allow for greater flexibility when tying a grazing schedule into a deferred rest-rotation system in the mountains, thus both systems could easily be complementary to one another. Grazing the native range very early in the spring and then taking livestock off while adequate soil moisture remains would allow grasses to grow to full seed maturity yearly. Also returning livestock to the same native range in late fall/early winter would allow the same range to be used twice without having any detriment to the growth cycle of the native grasses, allowing for seed dissemination yearly and allowing hoof action to work the seed into the ground. The implementation of vegetative manipulated sites would allow the flexibility for livestock to be moved prior to heavy key wildlife browse utilization in early fall.

If this grazing system could be employed, better herd management could also be applied. A moderate stocking rate is essential to successfully implementing a rest-rotation grazing system. Livestock could easily be divided into two herds thus effectively producing a moderate stocking rate. One herd would be situated in the pasture that is designated full season of use, while the other herd would be moved between pastures that are in deferment. In the lowlands the same concept of herd management would be applied between the two native pastures, each herd on its own pasture. The only time of herd overlap would be if there is one vegetation manipulation or seeded area to graze. This system could allow for better breed-back due the closeness of the livestock to one another, possibly producing higher calving and weaning rates while providing easier access to the livestock for movement and monitoring. Employing herd management tools such as salt placement on ridgetops would pull animals off of riparian zones, riding and

pushing livestock into areas otherwise under-utilized would be made easier, and livestock distribution could be increased. This proposed system would make access to the livestock easier, giving the operator and the Resource Manager a better understanding of livestock use patterns, wildlife use patterns, and plant community dynamics.

Riparian and Water Development 5A

Proposal: Allow water to be piped out of Simpson Springs if a riparian pasture is implemented. Keep livestock out of the pasture during full season of use if a rest rotation is implemented. Use the pasture in the late grazing season after early deferment. Allow maintenance on current water improvements and development of all water sources. Establish salting areas on ridgetops off of the riparian zones. Ride regularly to move animals off of riparian zones.

If Willow Pasture is developed allow water from the well in Simpson Seeding to be piped to a watering site within T20N R53E section14. And/or allow a water haul site within this pasture in section T20N R53E section 12 in conjunction with the prior watering site proposed. If Whistler Seeding is put in develop a well within the seeding or pipe the water from the spring and troughs on Whistler to the seeding. If water cannot be obtained from the surrounding farms in the Sixth Street Pasture allow water haul sites within the enclosed BLM parcel. Allow possible water haul site within Rocky Knoll Pasture To ensure against drift and improve distribution T10N R53E section 12 or 13. All salting would occur at least1/4 mile from watering sites on flat terrain.

Philosophy 5B

Mr. Bauman recognizes most problems on the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment are within close proximity of riparian zones. Distribution from watering points is the main problem. Management changes need to be implemented in order to rectify current problems. Nearly all hedging of Terrestrial Big Game Key Browse Species occurs within a quarter mile of Riparian Zones. Most problems with hedging of key browse species are isolated and usually not associated with the entire landscape. A sizable mule deer herd winters in this area and a large herd resides year round. Sole use of the Key Browse Species is not limited to livestock. Wildlife numbers and seasons of use should be analyzed to determine the amount of key browse utilization occurring by wildlife. Thus, livestock stocking rate reductions won't rectify any problems or concerns that are taking place within the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment since the problems are distributions from water. A new grazing management system needs to be implemented in order to rectify the problems associated with this allotment.

Allowance for an ammendment to the grazing permit or grazing agreement should be kept open once a long term grazing plan is adopted in order to work out the kinks or fine tune the system. A limited amount of flexibility needs to be exercised in order to rectify any problems that should arise from unforseen flaws in the long-term grazing plan or any other changes such as climatic factors, wildlife increases, and any other uncontrollable forces.

Mr. James Bauman expresses his desire to adhere to the conditions of the Agreement for the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotments. Mr. Be recognizes the current Livestock Use Agreement is a short term manager and therefore has submitted this technical recommendation concerning management objective of the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotments.	auman further nent objective
James Bauman Date:	
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APPENDIX Proposed Long Term Grazing Plan

Preferred Option: Fences are constructed, springs are developed, Whistler Seeding is put in, and broadcast seeding in conjunction with supplemental feeding is permitted in the sixth street pasture between the private property boundaries during the end of the grazing season to replace the lost grass component. A four pasture two herd deferred restrotational grazing system is implemented in Rocky Knoll, Williams, Angelo Belli, and Newark Pastures. Also implement a seasonal suitability grazing system in Whistler, Willow, Sixth Street pastures, Simpson seeding and a new Whistler seeding.

Proposed Preferred Long Term Grazing Plan

Season of use	Pasture	Animal Units	AUM's
4/1-5/15	Whistler	75	112.5
	Willow	75	112.5
5/15-8/15	Newark	0	0
5/15-8/15	Angelo Belli	150	450
5/15-7/1	Rocky Knoll	150	225
7/1-8/15	Williams	150	225
8/15-10/31	Simpson Seeding	150	375
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8/15-10/31	Whistler Seeding	150	375
11/1 10/01	33.71-1-41	150	200
11/1-12/31	Whistler	150	300
	Willow	150	300
1/1 0/00	G1 .1 G1 .	116	226
1/1-2/28	Sixth Street	115	226

Total AUM's 2701

^{*}This plan diagram represents year one of a four year rotational plan as exampled on page 3 of the technical recommendation.

^{**}The AUM's are within the Rangeland Program Summary.

^{***}Seasons of use are within the Grazing Permit

Second Preferred Option: This option refers to the construction of pasture fences without a seeding. Also, this is a plan if fences are constructed and the Permitee is waiting for a new seeding to be opened to livestock grazing.

Second Proposed Long Term Grazing Plan(Temporary Plan waiting for Seeding)

Season of Use	Pasture	Animal Units	AUM's
4/1-5/15	Whistler	75	112.5
	Willow	75	112.5
4/1-2/28	Newark	0	0
5/15-9/15	Angelo Belli	150	600
5/15-7/1	Rocky Knoll	150	300
7/1-9/15	Williams	150	300
9/15-10/31	Simpson Seeding	300	450
11/1-12/31	Whistler	150	300
	Willow	150	300
1/1-2/28	Sixth Street	115	226
		Total AUM	1's 2701

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Third Preferred Option: This plan refers to the implementation of a new seeding without pasture fences. Or this could be a short term plan if a seeding is established and the fences are not yet constructed.

Third Proposed Long Term Grazing Plan(Temporary waiting for cross fences)

Season of Use	Pasture	Animal Units	AUM's
4/1-5/15	Whistler	150	225
5/15-6/15	Whistler Seeding	300	300
6/15-7/15	Angelo Belli	300	300
7/15-9/15	Angelo Belli	100	200
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7/15-8/15	Newark	200	200
8/15-9/30	Williams	200	300
9/15-10/31	Rocky Knoll	100	150
10/1-10/15	Simpson Seeding	200	100
10/15-12/1	Simpson Seeding	300	450
10/13-12/1	Simpson Seeding	300	430
1/1-2/28	Sixth Street	115	226
		Total AUM's	2451

^{*}This system is very similar to the current short term grazing agreement in effect.

^{**}New seeding could be used to leave the mountain earlier.

Least Preferred Option: This is the Current system under the Short Term Grazing Agreement, except for two season of use lengths shortened. This option is better than past management, but could easily be improved upon.

Current Proposed Long Term Grazing Plan.

Season of Use	Pasture	Animal Units	AUM's
4/1-4/15	Whistler	50	25
4/15-5/1		100	50
5/1-5/15		300	150
5/15-7/1	Angelo Belli	300	450
7/1-9/15	Angelo Belli	100	250
7/1-8/15	Newark	200	300
8/15-9/30	Williams	200	300
9/15-10/31	Rocky Knoll	100	150
10/1-10/31	Simpson Seeding	200	200
10/31-12/1	Simpson Seeding	300	450
12/1-1/1	Rocky Knoll	125	125
1/1-2/28	Sixth Street	115	226
		Total	AUM's 2676

^{*}This system is nearly identical to the current system in place.

APPENDIX 2 PROPOSED PRIORITY of IMPROVEMENTS WITH TIMELINE

<u>Priority 1</u>-Fence #1 running from Mr. Bauman's private to the district boundary fence at the top of Pinto Creek Summit.

Fence #2 running from Mr. Bauman's private near the Hunter Ranch ,(with a cattle guard) along the ridge above Pastorino Canyon connecting to the allotment boundary fence with Black Point.

Spring developments on all water associated with the four mountain pastures (Newark, Angelo Belli, Rocky Knoll, and Williams) implementation of spring boxes pipelines, and troughs. With trough placement away from the spring and when possible in an upland site. Water haul site on Whiskey Flat in Rocky Knoll Pasture.

<u>Priority 2-Fence #4 running from Mr. Bauman's private near Hunter Ranch along the ridge separating Spanish Gulch from Cottonwood Canyon.</u> Creating a drift fence denying cattle access to Rocky Knoll Pasture yet allowing sheep movement into Cottonwood Canyon and Richmond Mountain.

Seeding in Whistler Pasture of 800 acres with at least a 525 acres of seeding as per the Rangeland Program Summary.

<u>Priority 3</u>-Fence #3 running from Mr. Bauman's private to Willows Racetrack Allotment boundary fence. Fence #7 Running from Simpson Seeding fence to private farms.

Permanent Water haul sites established in Willow Pasture, Sixth Street Pasture, Rocky Knoll Pasture if another is needed, and Whistler pasture.

<u>Priority 4-Non-Renewable Issuance to broadcast seed within the Sixth Street Pasture in conjunction with winter feeding of livestock taking advantage of the winter precipitation knocking down the brush as well as establishing an understory in denuded range.</u>

Fence #5 running from Mr. Bauman's private to Crater Cone. Fence #6 from fence #1 to high ridge creating a riparian pasture at Simpson springs.

TIMELINE

- 1999: Winter/Spring...Planning and needed work for all improvements Summer/Fall....Springs/water improvements and fences #1 and #2 installed.
- **2000:** Winter/Spring...Planning and needed work for all improvements Summer/Fall....Whistler Seeding(fall) and Fence #4 installed
- **2001:** Winter/Spring...Planning and needed work for all improvements Summer/Fall....Water haul sites established and Fences #3 and #7 installed
- **2002:** Winter/Spring...Planning and needed work for all improvements Summer/Fall....Sixth Street Pasture treatment and Riparian Pasture installed

ASSESMENT

Priority levels and timeline was established for proposed improvements based upon the assessment of which area's and resources within the Shannon Station Allotment are in the most immediate need of improvement, most logical order for implementation, and the minimum improvements need for a change in management in order to work towards the RAC standards. The primary purpose of the improvements is to enhance the natural resources within the Shannon Station Allotment for all users. Probably no significant improvement or upward trend will occur without these improvements. These improvements are assessed to be vital in order to work towards the RAC standards.



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Standard 2. Riparian and Wetland Sites: Riparian and wetland areas exhibit a properly functioning condition and achieve state water quality criteria.

Standard 3. Habitat: Habitats exhibit a healthy, productive, and diverse population of native and/or desirable plant species, appropriate to the site characteristics, to provide suitable feed, water, cover and living space for animal species and maintain ecological processes. Habitat conditions meet the life cycle requirements of threatened and endangered species.

Standard 4. Cultural Resources: Land use plans will recognize cultural resources within the context of multiple use.

The specific multiple use objectives for the Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch allotments are listed below:

Land Use Plan/Rangeland Program Summary (RPS) Objectives

Vegetation and Ecological Condition

- 1. Utilization not to exceed 50% on key species by seed dissemination, and 60% by the end of the grazing year.
- 2. In the long term, improve 6,414 acres to good, and 350 acres to excellent condition.
- 3. In the long term, manage for upward trend on 7,056 acres.

Livestock Existing Use/Management Objective

- 1. Existing use: 2,848 AUMs cattle and sheep.
- 2. In the short term, manage use at 2,848 AUMs.
- 3. In the long term, manage use at 3,242 AUMs in conformance with other objectives of the RMP.

Wildlife Management Objectives

- 1. Utilization of key browse species not to exceed 50% in terrestrial big game habitat areas.
- 2. Existing big game use (AUMs): 1,391. In the long term, provide habitat to support 1,135 AUMs (forage needs for reasonable numbers) of big game use, in conformance with the objectives of the RMP.
- 3. In the long term, within the Diamond Hills Habitat Management Plan (HMP) Area, improve 3,656 acres of terrestrial big game habitat to good, and 199 acres to excellent condition. Manage for upward trends on 4,021 acres.
- 4. Manage rangeland habitat to maintain or enhance sagegrouse strutting and nesting areas, in conformance with other objectives of the RMP.

Wild Horse and Burro Management Objectives

- 1. Initially manage to provide 180 AUMs of forage for 15 horses within the Diamond Herd Management Area. 7.5% of the herd management area is within this allotment.
- 2. Maintain or improve wild horse habitat in a condition which enhances or preserves their wild and free roaming behavior, in conformance with other objectives of the RMP. (For example the absence of fences which disrupts normal distribution and movement patterns.)

3. Maintain or improve wild horse habitat by ensuring free access to water, in conformance with other objectives of the RMP.

Special Status Species

There are no known listed, proposed, or candidate species within the allotment.

Through the consultation, cooperation, and coordination process (CCC), protests of the Proposed Multiple Use Decision (PMUD) were received from Eureka County and James Baumann, listing the following point(s) of protest:

1. Failure to adequately address Eureka's comments dated November 27, 1998 on the Diamond Mountain Complex. Of particular concern are the methodology and conclusions regarding utilization maps, stocking rates, ecological condition and trend, season of use and wildlife and riparian recommendations.

The previous point(s) of protest and comments received following the protest period during the tour of the Diamond Mountain complex and meetings with affected permittees have been considered in developing the Final Multiple Use Decision. The BLM has properly followed procedures in data collection as outlined in the Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook and "Sampling Vegetation Attributes, Interagency Technical Reference, 1996", Riparian Area Management, Process for Assessing Proper Functioning Condition, TR 1737-9, 1993", Riparian Area Management, Process for Assessing Proper Functioning Condition for Lentic Riparian-Wetland Areas, TR 1737-11, 1994" and "BLM Manual 1630- Big Game Studies".

As a result of the evaluation and input received from the permittee(s) and interested publics I have determined the following standards and/or objectives have not been met:

Standard 1. Upland Sites- is not currently being met. Average utilization exceed 60% several years throughout the evaluation period. Production (DPC) and frequency data showed several key species occurred in low percentages at Key Management Areas (KMAs). In addition, at 3 KMAs the cheatgrass component comprised at least 25% of the plant community by weight. Standard 2. Riparian and Wetland Sites- is not currently being met. Several of the lentic and lotic riparian areas were determined to be non-functional or functional-at-risk with a static or downward trend. In order to meet this standard all riparian areas must be in proper functioning condition (PFC) or making significant progress towards PFC. In addition utilization levels were found to be heavy/severe in riparian areas.

Standard 3. Habitat-is not currently being met. Mule deer habitat (key browse) studies showed a large portion of the browse species were mature or decadent with low recruitment. In addition, some of the key browse species were severely hedged. Production (DPC) and frequency data showed several key species occurred in low percentages at KMAs. The cheatgrass component comprised at least 25% of the plant community by weight at 3 KMAs.

Through the allotment evaluation process it was determined that changes in existing livestock management are needed to meet multiple use objectives established by the LUP and Standards for Rangeland Health as outlined for the Northeastern Great Basin Area. It was determined that wildlife were not contributing to the non-attainment of these objectives or Standards, therefore, no wildlife

decision is necessary. As a result of the evaluation conclusions and after considerations of input received during the tour and through the CCC process, my final decision is:

LIVESTOCK GRAZING MANAGEMENT DECISION

Manage Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch as one allotment. Sheep use will be permitted in the Spanish Gulch pasture of the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment.

Changes in permitted use are identified below:

From:

	Lives	tock			
Allotment Shannon Station/ Spanish Gulch	Kind	<u>Number</u>	Season of Use	%PL	<u>AUMs</u>
Baumann	Cattle	135	04/01-04/30	97	129
		350	05/01-10/31	97	2,054
		160	11/01-12/15	97	230
		120	02/01-02/28	97	107
•	tota	ıl			2,520
Ithurralde	Sheep tota	643 al	05/01-09/30	100	<u>647</u> 3,167

To:

Plan A

	Lives	tock			
Allotment Shannon Station/ Spanish Gulch	Kind	Number	Season of Use	<u>%PL</u>	<u>AUMs</u>
Baumann	Cattle	136 350 197	04/01-04/30 05/01-10/14 10/15-02/28	97 97 97	130 1,529 <u>861</u>
Ithurralde	Sheep tota	643	05/01-09/30	100	2,520 <u>647</u> 3,167

Cattle grazing on the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment will be authorized in accordance with the following interim grazing system, this grazing system will become part of the terms and conditions on each permit for the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment.

		Treatment A	Treatment B
<u>Pasture</u>	Season of Use	Even Years	Odd Years
Whistler	Spring	defer	04/01-04/30,
	Fall/Winter	10/15-02/28	10/15-02/28
Willow	Spring	04/01-04/30,	defer
	Fall/Winter	10/15-02/28	10/15-02/28
Sixth Street	Spring	defer	defer
	Fall/Winter	10/15-02/28	10/15-02/28
Simpson Seeding	Spring	defer	defer
	Fall/Winter	10/15-02/28	10/15-02/28
Williams	Summer	05/01-06/11	00/04 10/14
Newark			09/04-10/14
	Summer	06/12-07/23	07/24-09/03
Angelo Belli	Summer	07/24-09/03	06/12-07/23
Rocky Knoll	Summer	09/04-10/14	05/01-06/11

This interim grazing system identifies the first 2 years of a repeating grazing system. Beginning in Year 3 cattle grazing will continue with Treatment A, etc... A reasonable effort will be made to ensure minimal cattle drift between the mountain pastures until fences #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are constructed.

To:

Plan B

	Livesto	ock			
Allotment Shannon Station/ Spanish Gulch	<u>Kind</u>	Number	Season of Use	%PL	<u>AUMs</u>
Baumann	Cattle	130 300 68	04/01-05/14 05/15-12/31 01/01-02/28	97 97 97	182 2,210 128 2,520
Ithurrlade	Sheep total	643	05/01-09/30	100	<u>647</u> 3,167

The grazing system identified in Plan A will be used in the interim until the necessary range improvements are developed to implement the grazing system below, which incorporates recommendations identified in "Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment- Technical Recommendations, submitted by James Baumann and Eureka County Department of Natural Resources". Upon the completion of the pasture fences and vegetation manipulations, the grazing system in Plan B will be implemented upon notification from the Authorized Officer and the terms and conditions of the term permit will be changed upon receipt of this notification as follows:

		Treatment A	Treatment B	Treatment C	Treatment D
<u>Pasture</u>	Season of Use	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Whistler/Seeding	Spring	04/01-05/14,	defer	defer	defer
	Fall/Winter	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28
Willow	Spring	defer	04/01-05/14,	defer	defer
	Fall/Winter	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28
Sixth Street	Spring	defer	defer	04/01-05/14,	defer
	Fall/Winter	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28
Simpson Seeding	Spring	defer	defer	defer	04/01-05/14,
	Fall/Winter	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28	08/15-02/28

Williams	Summer	06/15-07/15	Rest	05/15-06/14	07/16-08/14
Newark	Summer	07/16-08/14	05/15-06/14	06/15-07/15	Rest
Angelo Belli	Summer	Rest	06/15-07/15	07/16-08/14	05/15-06/14
Rocky Knoll	Summer	05/15-06/14	07/16-08/14	Rest	06/15-07/15

This grazing system identifies the first 4 years of a repeating grazing system. Beginning in Year 5 cattle grazing will continue with Treatment A, etc...

In addition to the permitted use identified above, the following additional terms and conditions shall be made part of all grazing permits in the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment:

Baumann Permit

This permit reflects your adjusted grazing permitted use based upon the "Allotment Evaluation" for this allotment. The term of this permit shall be for ten years. The terms and/or conditions of this permit shall be amended or changed when additional and/or new monitoring data reflects the need to do so.

The terms and conditions of this permit must be consistent with the Standards and Guidelines approved February 12, 1997 for the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) area.

Utilization of "Key Forage Species" will not exceed 50% by seed dissemination and 60% by the end of the grazing year.

Key species at the 6 KMAs are to meet of make significant progress towards DPC.

Residual riparian vegetation, appropriate for the site, will be left in riparian or wetland habitats by the end of the growing year.

Plan A

Cattle grazing will be done in accordance with the grazing system identified in the Final Multiple Use Decision for the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment dated 01/05/00.

Plan B

Cattle grazing will be done in accordance with the grazing system identified in the Final Multiple Use Decision for the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment dated 01/05/00.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.8-1(f): Failure to pay grazing bills within 15 days of the due date specified in the bill shall result in a late fee assessment of \$25.00 or 10% of the grazing bill, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$250.00. Payment made later than 15 days after the due date, shall include appropriate late fee assessments. Failure to make payment within 30 days may be a violation of 43 CFR sec. 4140.1(b)(1) and shall result in action by the authorized officer under 43 CFR sec. 410.1 and 4160.1-2.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2(d): Actual use information, for each use area, will be submitted to the authorized officer within 15 days of completing grazing as specified on the grazing permit and/or grazing licenses. Actual use information will be provided for each pasture in the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment

In accordance with 43 CFR 4120.3-1(a): Range improvements shall be installed, used, and maintained, and/or modified on the public lands, or removed from the public lands, in a manner consistent with multiple use management.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2(c): In order to improve livestock and rangeland management on the public lands, all salt and/or mineral supplements will not be placed within 1/4 mile of any riparian area, wet meadow, or watering facility (either permanent or temporary) unless stipulated through a written agreement or decision.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2(h): All grazing permittees shall provide reasonable access across private and/or leased lands to the Bureau of Land Management for the orderly management and protection of public lands.

Pursuant to 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 objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (as defined at 43 CFR 10.2). 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 by the authorized officer.

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Utilization of "Key Forage Species" will not exceed 50% by seed dissemination and 60% by the end of the grazing year.

Sheep camps will be placed a minimum of 1/4 mile from all permanent water.

Sheep camps will be moved every 5 days. No 2 sheep camps will camp in the same area in a grazing year.

New bed grounds will be used every night. Bed grounds will be a minimum of 1/4 mile from previous bed grounds.

Camp sites will be cleaned with all trash removed.

Key species at the 6 KMAs are to meet of make significant progress towards DPC.

Residual riparian vegetation, appropriate for the site, will be left in riparian or wetland habitats by the end of the growing year.

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The following range improvements will be developed on the Shannon Station allotment:

- 1a: Construct fence(s) #2, 4, 7;
- 1b. Develop springs, as state and federal law allow;
- 1c. Establish permanent water haul locations;
- 2a. Thin sagebrush on approximately 800 acres in the Whistler Pasture;
- 2b. Establish 525 acre seeding in the Whistler Pasture;
- 2c. Construct pipeline from Simpson Spring;
- 2d. Construct pipeline from well in Simpson seeding;
- 3a. Construct fence #1, 3, 5, and 6;
- 3b. Vegetation manipulation in the Sixth Street Pasture.

RATIONALE: Through the allotment evaluation and multiple use decision process it was determined that the following standards and/or objectives are not being met.

Standard 1. Upland Sites- is not currently being met. Average utilization exceed 60% several years throughout the evaluation period. Production (DPC) and frequency data showed several key species occurred in low percentages at Key Management Areas (KMAs). In addition, at 3 KMAs the cheatgrass component comprised at least 25% of the plant community by weight. Standard 2. Riparian and Wetland Sites- is not currently being met. Several of the lentic and lotic riparian areas were determined to be non-functional or functional-at-risk with a static or downward trend. In order to meet this standard all riparian areas must be in proper functioning condition (PFC) or making significant progress towards PFC. In addition utilization levels were found to be heavy/severe in riparian areas.

Standard 3. Habitat-is not currently being met. Mule deer habitat (key browse) studies showed a large portion of the browse species were mature or decadent with low recruitment. In addition, some of the key browse species were severely hedged. Production (DPC) and frequency data showed several key species occurred in low percentages at KMAs. The cheatgrass component comprised at least 25% of the plant community by weight at 3 KMAs.

In order to ensure significant progress is being made towards achieving these standards the following management action(s) will be implemented: 1. implement an interim grazing schedule which will: a) provide spring rest for each pasture 3 out of 4 years; and b) reduce grazing pressure in the mountain pastures; 2. develop fences and vegetation manipulations to implement

final grazing schedule which will further reduce grazing pressure in the mountain pastures and help improve riparian and wildlife habitat.

The main concern with livestock management on the Shannon Station allotment is distribution problems. Development of range improvements in conjunction with changes in season of use in the mountain pastures will provide for improvement of upland, riparian and wildlife habitat vegetation. The Spanish Gulch allotment has historically been used for sheep grazing with cattle use allowed from cattle from Shannon Station due to the lack of fencing. These allotments will be combined into 1 allotment

The selected management actions in this multiple use decision are appropriate and will result in significant progress toward fulfillment of the standards and conformance with the guidelines for the Northeastern Great Basin Area.

AUTHORITY: The authority for this decision is contained in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) including, but not limited to the following:

4100.0-8: "The authorized officer shall manage livestock grazing on public lands under the principle of multiple use and sustained yield, and in accordance with applicable land use plans. Land use plans shall establish allowable resource uses (either singly or in combination), related levels of production or use to be maintained, areas of use, and resource condition goals and objectives to be obtained. The plans also set forth program constraints and general management practices needed to achieve management objectives. Livestock grazing activities and management actions approved by the authorized officer shall be in conformance with the land use plan as defined at 43 CFR 1601.0-5(b)."

4110.2-4: "After consultation, cooperation, and coordination with the affected grazing permittees or lessees, the State having lands or responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public, the authorized officer may designate and adjust grazing allotment boundaries. The authorized officer may combine or divide allotments, through an agreement or by decision, when necessary for the proper and efficient management of public lands."

4110.3: "The authorized officer shall periodically review the permitted use specified in a grazing permit or lease and shall make changes in the permitted use as needed to manage, maintain or improve rangeland productivity, to assist in restoring ecosystems to properly functioning condition, to conform with land use plans or activity plans, or to comply with the provisions of subpart 4180 of this part. These changes must be supported by monitoring, field observations, ecological site inventory or other data acceptable to the authorized officer:"

4110.3-2: "(a)Permitted use may be suspended in whole or in part on a temporary basis due to drought, fire, or other natural causes, or to facilitate installation, maintenance, or modification of range improvements. (b)When monitoring or field observations show grazing use or patterns of use are not consistent with the provisions of subpart 4180, or grazing use is otherwise causing an unacceptable level or pattern of utilization, or when use exceeds the livestock carrying capacity as determined through monitoring, ecological site inventory or other acceptable methods, the authorized officer shall reduce permitted grazing use or otherwise modify management practices."

- 4110.3-3(a): "After consultation, cooperation, and coordination with the affected permittee or lessee, the State having lands or managing resources within the area, and the interested public, reductions of permitted use shall be implemented through a documented agreement or by decision of the authorized officer. Decisions implementing §4110.3-2 shall be issued as proposed decisions pursuant to §4160.1, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section."
- 4130.3: "Livestock grazing permits and leases shall contain terms and conditions determined by the authorized officer to be appropriate to achieve management and resource condition objectives for the public lands and other lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and to ensure conformance with the provisions of subpart 4180 of this part."
- 4130.3-1: "(a) The authorized officer shall specify the kind and number of livestock, the period(s) of use, the allotment(s) to be used, and the amount of use, in animal unit months, for every grazing permit or lease. The authorized livestock grazing shall not exceed the livestock carrying capacity of the allotment. (b) All permits and leases shall be made subject to cancellation, suspension, or modification for any violation of these regulations or any term or condition of the permit or lease."
- 4130.3-3: "Following consultation, cooperation and coordination with the affected lessees or permittees, the State having lands or responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public, the authorized officer may modify terms and conditions of the permit or lease when the active use or related management practices are not meeting the land use plan, allotment management plan or other activity plan, or management objectives, or is not in conformance with the provisions of subpart 4180 of this part. To the extent practical, the authorized officer shall provide to affected permittees or lessees, States having lands or responsibility for managing resources within the affected area, and the interested public and opportunity to review, comment and give input during the preparation of reports that evaluate monitoring and other data that are used as a basis for making decisions to increase or decrease grazing *use*, or to change the terms and conditions of a permit or lease."
- 4130.3-2: "The authorized officer may specify in grazing permits or leases other terms and conditions which will assist in achieving management objectives, provide for proper range management or assist in the orderly administration of the public rangelands. ..."
- 4160.1(a): "Proposed decisions shall be served on any affected applicant, permittee or lessee, and any agent and lien holder of record, who is affected by the proposed actions, terms or conditions, or modifications relating to applications, permits and agreements (including range improvement permits) or leases, by certified mail or personal delivery. Copies of proposed decisions shall also be sent to the interested public."
- 4160.2: "Any applicant, permittee, lessee or other interested public may protest the proposed decision under §4160.1 of this title in person or in writing to the authorized officer within 15 days after receipt of such decision."
- 4180.1: "The authorized officer shall take appropriate action under subparts 4110, 4120, 4130 and 4160 of this part as soon as practicable but not later than the start of the next grazing year upon determining that existing grazing management needs to be modified to ensure that the following conditions exist.

- (a) Watersheds are in, or are making significant progress toward, properly functioning physical condition, including their upland, riparian-wetland, and aquatic components; soil and plant conditions support infiltration, soil moisture storage, and the release of water that are in balance with climate and landform and maintain or improve water quality, water quantity, and timing and duration of flow.

 (b) Ecological process, including the hydrologic cycle, nutrient cycle, and energy flow, are maintained, or there is significant progress toward their attainment, in order to support healthy biotic populations and communities.
- (c) Water quality complies with State water quality standards and achieves, or is making significant progress toward achieving, established BLM management objectives such as meeting wildlife needs. (d) Habitats are, or are making significant progress toward being, restored or maintained for Federal threatened and endangered species, Federal Proposed, Category 1 and 2 Federal candidate and other special status species."

4180.2(c): "The authorized officer shall take appropriate action as soon as practicable but not later than the next grazing year upon determining that existing grazing management practices or levels of grazing use on public lands are significant factors in failing to achieve the standards and conform with the guidelines that are made effective under this section. Appropriate action means implementing actions pursuant to subparts 4110, 4120, 4130 and 4160 of this part that will result in significant progress toward conformance with the guidelines. Practices and activities subject to standards and guidelines include the development of grazing-related portions of activity plans, establishment of terms and conditions of permits, leases and other grazing authorizations, and range improvement activities such as vegetation manipulation, fence construction and development of water."

APPEAL: In accordance with 43 CFR 4160.4: "Any person whose interest is adversely affected by a final decision of the authorized officer may appeal the decision for the purpose of a hearing before an administrative law judge by following the requirements set out in § 4.470 of this title. As stated in that part, the appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days from receipt of this notice or within 30 days after the date the proposed decision becomes final as provided by § 4160.3(a). Appeals and petitions for stay of the decision shall be filed at the office of the authorized officer. The authorized officer shall promptly transmit the appeal and petition for stay and the accompanying administrative record to ensure their timely arrival at the Office of Hearings and Appeals." Appeals and petitions for stay shall be filed with Jeffrey A. Weeks, Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820. The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, why the appellant believes this decision was issued in error. All grounds of error not stated will be considered waived.

Should you wish to file a petition for stay, the appellant shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- 1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
- 2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits;
- 3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted; and
- 4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

WILD HORSE AND BURRO MANAGEMENT DECISION

It has been determined through monitoring that a thriving ecological balance can be obtained through an Appropriate Management Level (AML) of 11 wild horses 137 AUMs for that portion of the Diamond Herd Management Area which occurs in the Shannon Station allotment.

	Average	
	Actual Use	AML
Wild Horses	11	11
AUMs	137	137

RATIONALE: The analysis and evaluation of available monitoring data indicates that wild horse populations are not contributing to the non-attainment of the multiple use objectives and Standards for this allotment. By establishing an AML for wild horses of 137 AUMs, wild horse populations will not adversely affect resource values in the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch allotment.

AUTHORITY: The authority for this decision is contained in Sec. 3(a), Wild Horse and Burro Act (P. L. 92-195) and Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations including, but not limited to the following:

4700.0-6(a): "Wild horses and burros shall be managed as self-sustaining populations of healthy animals in balance with other uses and the productive capacity of their habitat."

4700.0-6(b): "In administering these regulations, the authorized officer shall consult with Federal and State wildlife agencies and all other affected interests, to involve them in planning for and management of wild horses and burros on the public lands."

APPEAL: In accordance with 43 CFR 4770.3 (a) "Any person adversely affected by a decision of the authorized officer in the administration of these regulations may file an appeal. Appeals and petitions for stay of a decision of the authorized officer must be filed within 30 days of receipt of the decision in accordance with 43 CFR part 4." Appeals and petitions for stay shall be filed with Jeffrey A. Weeks, Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820. The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, why the appellant believes this decision was issued in error. All grounds of error not stated will be considered waived.

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Jeffrey A. Weeks

Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources

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PROOF OF APPROPRIATION OF WATER FOR STOCK WATERING OR WILDLIFE PURPOSES

(1)	Name of claimant James E. & Vera L. Baumann
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	Street and No. or P.O. Box No. Nevada 89316 City or town
(0)	State and Zip Code No.
(2)	Source of water Spanish Gulch Spring
(3)	The water is diverted by
(5)	Dam, ditch, pipe line, natural channel, spring area, etc.
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	and completed
	Date
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We have been open and honest with BLM about our livestock and rangeland management. Since the 2000 FMUD, multiple BLM rangeland management specialists including rangeland management leads have toured our allotments and discussed any issues with us. Never has any of these BLM rangeland staff concluded that our current management is an issue in making progress towards meeting RAC Standards and Guidelines. We have also moved forward with Cooperative Permittee Monitoring even though BLM has yet to follow through with the commitment to enter into an agreement with us on this monitoring. Our monitoring shows that we are meeting or making progress towards the RAC Standards and Guidelines under Plan A. Why should we be required to move to Plan B if current management is sufficient?

We are frustrated with the lack of flexibility of BLM and the desired imposition of more inflexibility through Plan B. Our technical recommendations from over 13 years ago specifically noted the need for flexibility to accommodate unanticipated problems or concerns:

"[a]llowance for an amendment to the grazing permit or grazing agreement should be kept open once a long term grazing plan is adopted in order to work outthe kinks or fine tune the system. A limited amount of flexibility needs to be exercised in order to rectify any problems that should arise from unforeseen flaws in the long-term grazing plan or any other changes...." (p. 7)

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In conclusion, it is premature to implement Plan B because 1) not all of the requirements have been met to transition to Plan B; 2) monitoring data and current conditions do not warrant changes from current livestock management; and 3) Plan B makes little sense. If BLM believes otherwise and that Plan B should be implemented, we ask for specific documentation on how and when the necessary requirements were met, including establishment of replacement forage in vegetation manipulations, and the monitoring to show why Plan A is better replaced by Plan B.

We look forward to your response. Please include this letter in our grazing file.

Sincerely,

Jim Baumann

Baumann Family Trust

CC:

Casey Johnson Ashley Johnson



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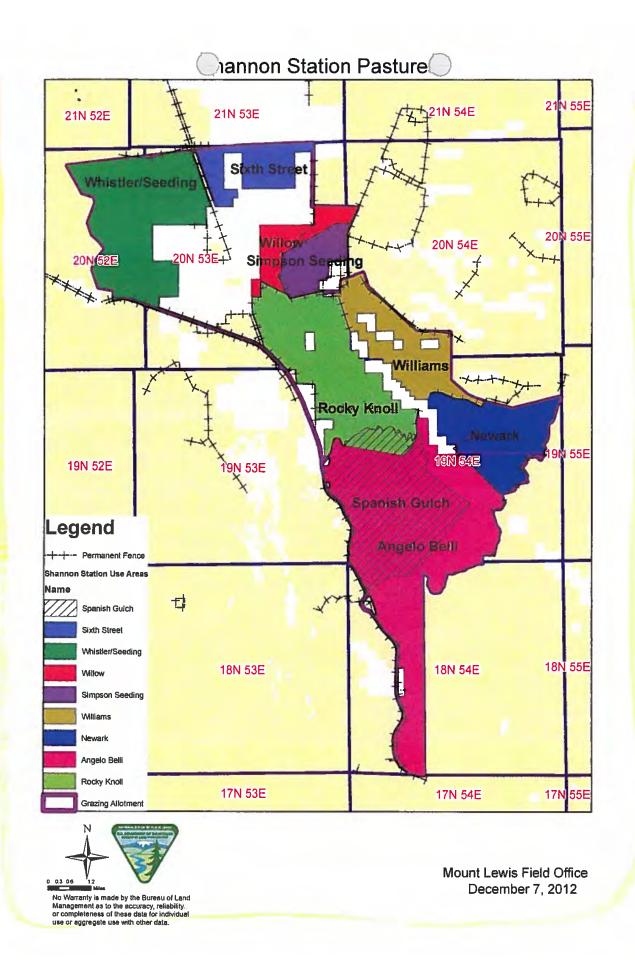
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On April 18, 2012, Ashley Johnson met with you to review Key Management Area (KMA) names and locations and tour the Shannon Station Allotment. I appreciate your willingness to work with BLM staff and commitment to engaged management of your livestock on the Shannon Station Allotment.

It became apparent through discussions held during your meeting with Mrs. Johnson that there are discrepancies in interpreting and implementing the Final Multiple Use Decision (FMUD) for the Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch Allotments dated January 5, 2000 (see attached). The FMUD is intended to ensure that livestock grazing, as well as other multiple uses in the Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch Allotments, meet the objectives established by the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Standards and Guidelines as required by 43CFR §4180.2.

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The terms and conditions of your grazing permit requires your grazing use to be in compliance with the FMUD. Failure to do so will be considered unauthorized and subject to appropriate action in accordance with 43CFR §§4140.1(b)(1), 4150.1.



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UNITED STATES
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GRAZING PERMIT

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BAUMANN FAMILY TRUST P.O. BOX 308 EUREKA NV 89316

THIS GRAZING PERMIT IS OFFERED TO YOU UNDER 43 CFR PART 4100 BASED ON YOUR RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATIONS.
YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE GRAZING USE OF LANDS, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
AND COVERED BY THIS GRAZING PERMIT, UPON YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS GRAZING
PERMIT AND PAYMENT OF GRAZING FEES WHEN DUE.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BLM OFFICE AT 775-635-4000 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

MANDATORY TERMS AND C	ONDITIONS	LIVES	TOCK	GRAZING	PERIOD		
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THIS PERMIT OR LEASE IS ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 415, PUBLIC LAW 112-74 AND CONTAINS THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE PREVIOUS PERMIT OR LEASE. THIS PERMIT OR LEASE MAY BE CANCELED, SUSPENDED, OR MODIFIED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

THE SPANISH GULCH ALLOTMENT WILL BE GRAZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SHANNON STATION ALLOTMENT WHEN THE PERMITTEE'S LIVESTOCK ARE IN THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SHANNON STATION ALLOTMENT.

THIS PERMIT WILL BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED UPON SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT PRACTICES INDENTIFIED IN THE FINAL MULTIPLE USE DECISION (FMUD) FOR THE SHANNON STATION/SPANISH GULCH ALLOTMENT.

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES APPROVED FEBRUARY 12, 1997 FOR THE NORTHEASTERN RAC AREA.

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- 4. Livestock distribution, water and spring development, and use in Angelo Belli Pasture-theFMUD states that "[t]he main concern with livestock management on the Shannon Station allotment is distribution problems. Development of range improvements...will provide for improvements of upland, riparian and wildlife habitat vegetation."

To emphasize, the FMUD states that springs "will be developed." On one hand, BLM states that springs will be developed, but on the other hand, BLM seeks to limit use of areas containing springs. We have many times requested development of springs and piping of the water away from the riparian areas and BLM has not allowed this. Until BLM holds up their end of the FMUD and allows for development of water to improve distribution, we cannot transition to Plan B.

The Angelo Belli Pasture is the largest pasture on the allotment and is probably the most productive. This pasture must be used in early summer. There are very limited water sources available in the pasture and the water sources, especially in the southeast portion, are intermittent and dry up before mid-summer. Water hauling is not an option here because the county is very rough and the roads are not conducive to water hauling. Under Plan B, the grazing pressure will be concentrated in the Angelo Belli pasture because the water sources that the cattle use to create distribution will be dry. This pasture is currently in good condition under Plan A.

The FMUD also specifically states that of the range improvements that "will be developed" includes "2d. Construct a pipeline from well in Simpson seeding." Also, the rangeland improvements in the technical recommendations called for a "well within the [Whistler] seeding or pipe the water from the spring and troughs on Whistler to the seeding" (p. 5). Also, the FMUD states that there will be establishment of "permanent water haul locations." While there have been some water haul locations authorized, BLM has not made formal decisions on many of our proposed sites including those identified in the technical recommendations. This exacerbates the difficulty in properly distributing cattle in Plan A and even more in Plan B. All of the range improvements have not been completed and until they are done, Plan B cannot be implemented.

5. Current management works for livestock management and rangeland health- the FMUD was put into place over 13 years ago on January 5, 2000. Much has changed since then and we have a better understanding of our operation and the rangeland responses due to our livestock management. Simply put, Plan B will not work and makes little sense given the improvements in rangeland health over the past 13 years under our current management. As stewards of the land and our cattle, we believe in the sustained health of the rangelands that we are permitted to graze and believe that healthy rangelands and prosperous livestock grazing are not exclusive of each other. We are responsible ranchers and have the common sense to make livestock management changes due to resource concerns and cow and calf conditions without compulsion by BLM and have proven this under Plan A of the FMUD.

We have been open and honest with BLM about our livestock and rangeland management. Since the 2000 FMUD, multiple BLM rangeland management specialists including rangeland management leads have toured our allotments and discussed any issues with us. Never has any of these BLM rangeland staff concluded that our current management is an issue in making progress towards meeting RAC Standards and Guidelines. We have also moved forward with Cooperative Permittee Monitoring even though BLM has yet to follow through with the commitment to enter into an agreement with us on this monitoring. Our monitoring shows that we are meeting or making progress towards the RAC Standards and Guidelines under Plan A. Why should we be required to move to Plan B if current management is sufficient?

We are frustrated with the lack of flexibility of BLM and the desired imposition of more inflexibility through Plan B. Our technical recommendations from over 13 years ago specifically noted the need for flexibility to accommodate unanticipated problems or concerns:

"[a]llowance for an amendment to the grazing permit or grazing agreement should be kept open once a long term grazing plan is adopted in order to work outthe kinks or fine tune the system. A limited amount of flexibility needs to be exercised in order to rectify any problems that should arise from unforeseen flaws in the long-term grazing plan or any other changes...." (p. 7)

The FMUD specifically allows for the "terms and/or conditions of this permit shall be amended or changed when additional and/or new monitoring data reflects the need to do so." Our data collected over the past 13 years does show that conditions have improved and that Plan A is working on meeting or making progress towards the Standards and Guidelines.

In conclusion, it is premature to implement Plan B because 1) not all of the requirements have been met to transition to Plan B; 2) monitoring data and current conditions do not warrant changes from current livestock management; and 3) Plan B makes little sense. If BLM believes otherwise and that Plan B should be implemented, we ask for specific documentation on how and when the necessary requirements were met, including establishment of replacement forage in vegetation manipulations, and the monitoring to show why Plan A is better replaced by Plan B.

We look forward to your response. Please include this letter in our grazing file.

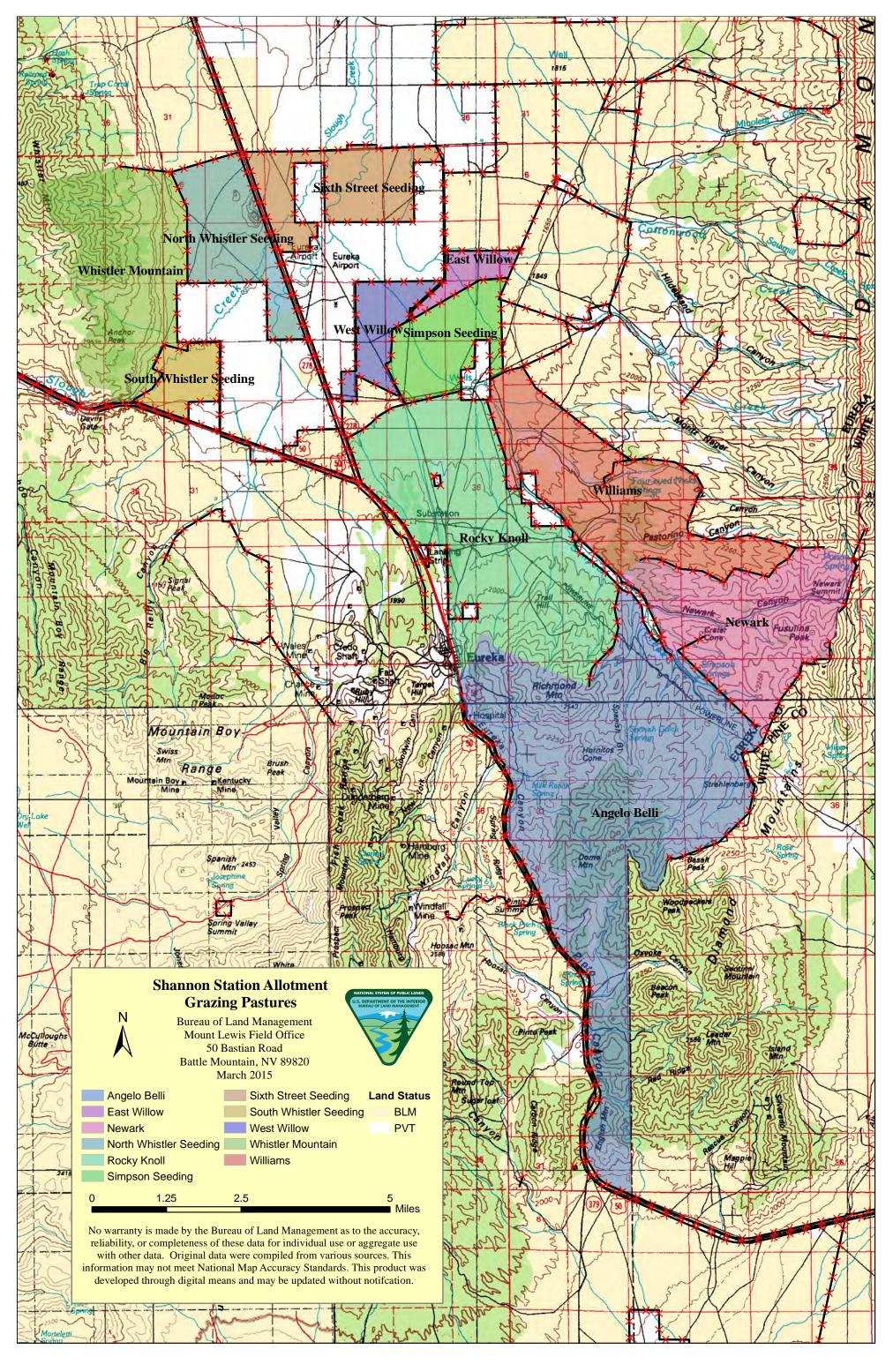
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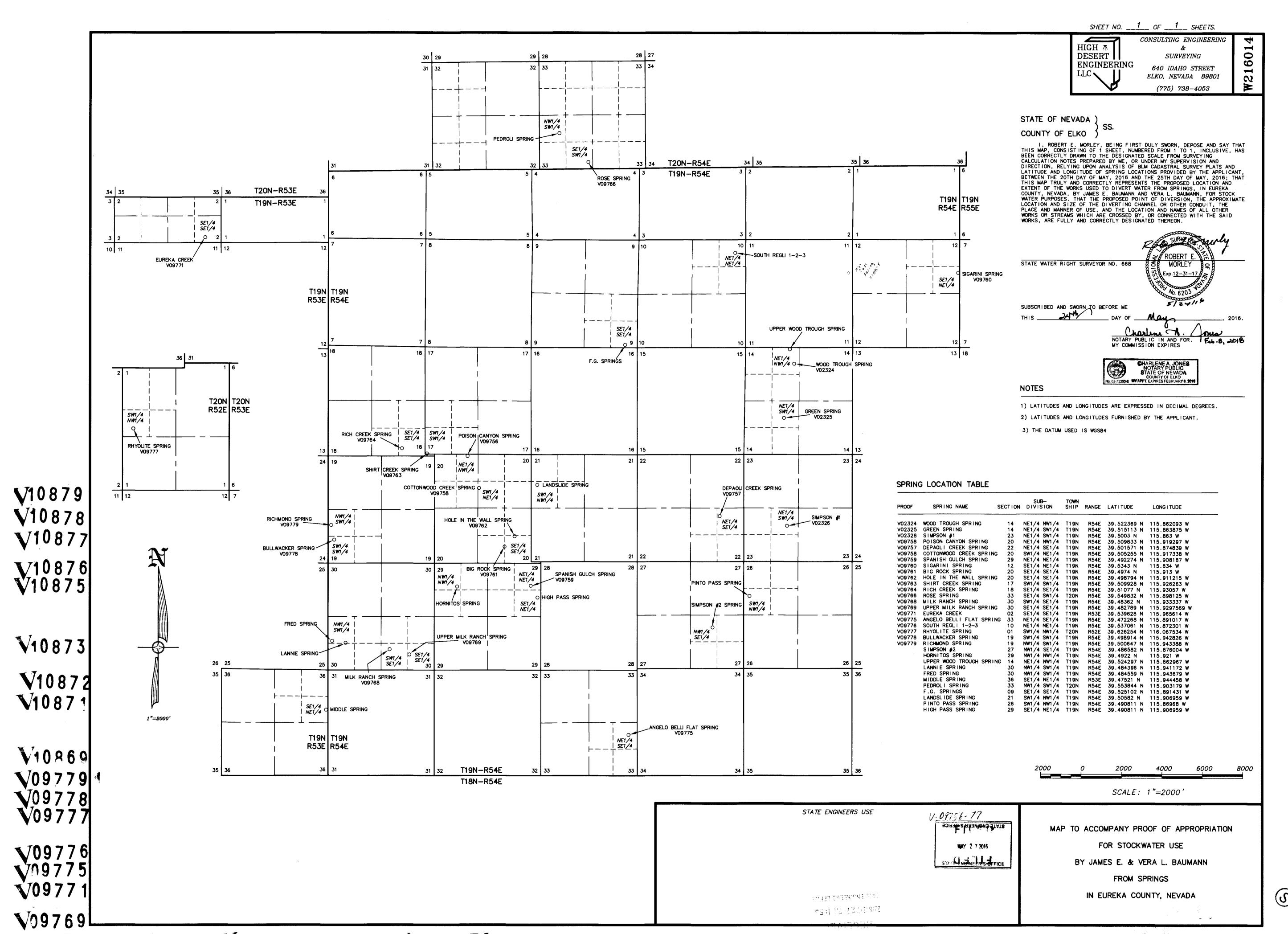
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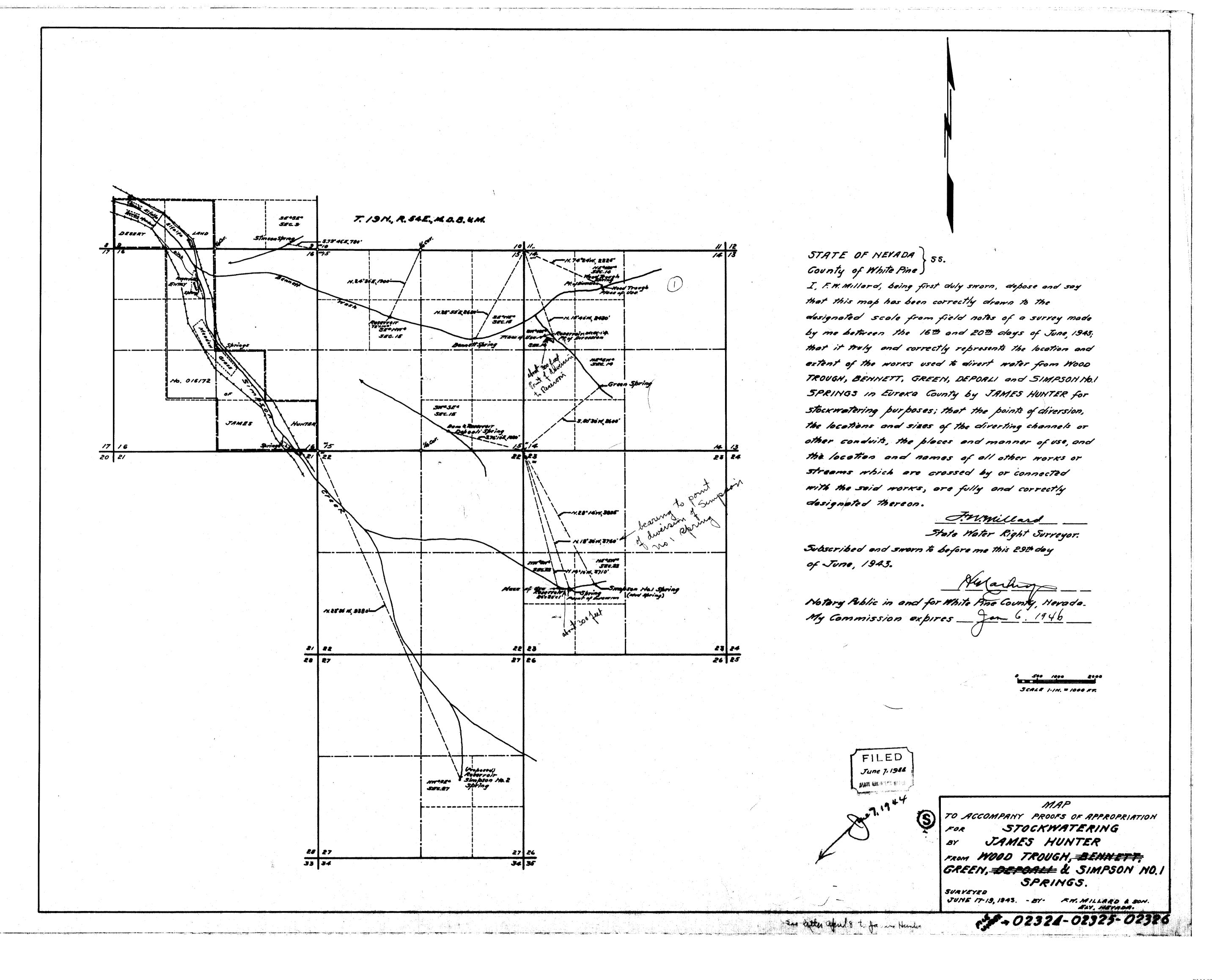
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PROOF OF APPROPRIATION OF WATER

(Statutory vested water rights are those with a priority date prior to: March 1, 1905 for All Surface Sources; March 22, 1913 for Underground Artesian Waters; March 25, 1939 for Underground Percolating Water)

JSE(S):.	
Primary (Please select only one):	
rrigation Stock water 🗸 Mining and Milling	Domestic
Municipal Industrial Quasi-Municipal	Commercial
Federal Reserved Right Other (OTH)	
Secondary (Select all that may be applicable):	
Stock water Domestic	
NAME OF CLAIMANT James E. & Vera L. Baumann	
	of Eureka
State of Nevada Telephone No. 775-237-5452 Email Address simpsoncre	ekranch@gmail.com_
1. Source of water South Regli No. 1, 2, 3	
Name of natural water source (use separate proofs for each major source such as a spring,	creek, river or underground)
2. The means of diversion Natural channel	
Dam and ditch, pipeline, flume, natural channel, undergrou	and, etc.
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3. The water is diverted from the following point(s):	«
NE1/4 NE1/4 and NW1/4 NW1/4 of Sec. 10, T19N, R54E (note: spring complex extends acr	ross two 40 acre
subdivisions) General GPS centroid of spring complex Longitude -115.872301, Latitude 39.537061	٠(ك
Constitution of the state of th	
(List all points of diversion from the source, attaching a sheet if necessary. Describe as being within a 40-acre subd.	ivision of public survey, and
by course and distance to a section corner for any other use than stock water. If on unsurveyed land, it s	hould be stated.)
4. The date of construction of the ditch or other works was begun	
and completed	
5. The nature of the claimant's title to the land upon which the source of water and place of u	ise is located:
Public domain with grazing permit. Located in Shannon Station allotment.	
Patented, deeded, public domain with grazing permit, etc.	
6. The claimant's water right was / was not recorded in the office of the County Record	er of
County, at Page of Book of	
7. The amount of water diverted for the claim's purpose has been measured at	RECEIVED
1/20 cubic feet per second.	MAY 2.7 2016
448.83 gallons per minute equals 1 cubic feet per second	
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8. The place of use location (For Irrigation, skip question #8 and proceed to Question #12): Utilizing natural channel and pools in spring complex - upstream point NE1/4 NW1/4 of Sec. 10, T19N, R54E; downstream point NW1/4 NW1/4 of Sec. 10, T19N, R54E

General GPS centroid of spring complex Longitude -115.872301, Latitude 39.537061

(List all places of use for the primary and any secondary purposes being claimed, attaching additional sheet(s) as needed. Describe them as being within a 40-acre subdivision, section, township and range of public survey. If on unsurveyed land, it should be stated. If the watering of livestock is accomplished by utilizing the natural stream channel, then describe the 40-acre legal subdivision at the beginning (upstream point) and the legal subdivision at the end of the stream reach.)

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The water	ering was cond	ucted during each of the follo	wing months: January 1 through	December 31
10. The	approximate nu	nmber of animals watered by t	he claimant in subsequent years	was:
300	cattle	horses	sheep	other (describe in remarks)
11. The	water is impou	inded in Pools and natural c	hannel	
		Ti	ough(s), tank(s)s, pool(s), reservoir, natu	ral channel, etc.
		QUESTIONS WITH	REGARD TO IRRIGATION	
12. The	date of survey	of ditch, canal, or pipe line w	as	
13. The	dimensions of	the ditch or canal as originally	y constructed were: Width on bo	ttom feet,
width on	top	feet, depth	feet, for	lineal feet of improvement,
			f conduit has been since enlarged	
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14. The	dimensions and	d type of pipeline as originally	constructed were: Diameter of	inches with
a type of			for	
		oles: Corrugated Metal Pipe, Riveted	Iron Pipe or Wrapped Wooden Pipe	
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15. The	conduit <u>has /</u> (circl	has not been enlarged.		
16. The	work of enlarg	tement of the ditch, canal or n	ipeline commenced	
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width as to-	e enlarged ditch or canal are:	Width on bottom	feet,
width on top	feet, depth	feet, for	lineal feet of
improvement, on a grade of	of feet per th	ousand feet.	
18. The dimensions of the	e enlarged pipeline are: Diame	ter of	inches with a type of pip
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Examples: Corrugated N	Metal Pipe, Riveted Iron Pipe or Wrap	ped Wooden Pipe	inlear reet in lengt
19. The claimant <u>is / is n</u> (circle on	ot the owner in the above-des	cribed conduit.	
	If claimant is an owner in the cor	nduit, state interest held on this lin	ne.
20. Crop(s) of			
		grain, orchard, meadow or diversi	ified pasture)
have been grown upon the	land(s) irrigated.		
21. The season of use for i	rrigation is typically from		fo
of each year. The average	number of cuttings in a year is	typically out	tings and the maximum numbe
of cuttings in a year is	cuttings at a year is	typically cut	ungs and the maximum numbe
			ear since the right was initiated
23. The years during which (If water was not used, or used in a sheet if necessary):	n no water was used for irrigati reduced quantity at any time, full info	on or during which the full mation as to causes and duration	water right was not used were of non-use should be given, appending
24. The characteristics of the			
	Sandy, gravelly	, loam	
25. The minimum flow nee	ded to push the diverted water	over the claimed place of t	use in an average year is
cub	pic feet per second. The quantit	y of water used to irrigate t	the claimed place of use
luring an average irrigation	season is	acre-feet per annum.	
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27. List the year of priority for acreages irrigated prior to March 1, 1905, from all points of diversion previously described, with their corresponding subdivision. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

Date	Acres	Quar	ter-Quarter	Section	Township	Range	
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		acres in the	of Sec.	, T.	(N./S.), R. (circle one)	E.	
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ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING REMARKS REGARDING THIS PROOF'S FILING

This is filed to amend previously filed claim V-09776 to (1) clarify that the point of diversion/place of use extends across two 40 acre subdivisions; (2) add domestic as a secondary use; and (3) increase claimed amount of cattle watered.

This is a spring complex with three (3) distinct seeps contributing to the overall complex, hence Regli 1, 2, 3. The complex extends across two 40 acre subdivisions in Section 10 - NENW and NWNW.

All other previous remarks on claim V-09776 still apply.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose	es and says that the facts relative to the appropriation of water by
James E. & Vera L. Baumann (Name)	are full and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
If proof is not made by the claimant, deponent sh	all state on this line by virtue of what authority they represent the claimant.
Name James E. Baumann (Please type or print name)	Signature (Please sign in the presence of a Notary Public)
Address PO Box 308, Eureka	State of Nevada ZIP Code 89316
Telephone Number 775-237-5452 Emai	l Address simpsoncreekranch@gmail.com
State of Nevada	
County of Eureka	
Subscribed and sworn to before me on $5-2$	4-2016
July Watt	ANNELLE D. WATTS Notary Public - State of Nevada Appointment Recorded in Eureka County No: 16-2316-8 - Expires May 22, 2020
Signature of Notary Public Require	d Notary Stamp or Seal Required

THE FILING FEE IS \$120 FOR FILING EACH PROOF OF APPROPRIATION FORM, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EXCLUSIVE FILING FOR A STOCK WATER CLAIM, WHICH HAS A \$60 FILING FEE.

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STATE OF NEVADA PROOF OF APPROPRIATION OF WATER

(Statutory vested water rights are those with a priority date prior to: March 1, 1905 for All Surface Sources; March 22, 1913 for Underground Artesian Waters; March 25, 1939 for Underground Percolating Water)

USE(S):.							
Primary (Please select only	one):						
Irrigation	Stock water	✓	Mining an	nd Milling		Domestic	
Municipal	Industrial	\Box	Quasi-Mu	ınicipal		Commercial	
Federal Reserved Right		Other (OTH	I)				
Secondary (Select all that n	nay be applicab	le);					
Stock water	Domestic	•					
NAME OF CLAIMANT	James E.	& Vera L. B	Baumann				
Address PO Box 308		(City of Eu	тека	County	of Eureka	
State of Nevada	Telephone No.	775-237-54	152	Email Address	simpsoncr	eekranch@gm	ail.com
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1. Source of water	Hornitos Sprin	<u>~</u>			 		
Name o	f natural water sour	ce (use separate	e proofs for ea	ich major source si	ich as a spring,	creek, river or und	derground)
2. The means of diversion	Dam						
		Dam and d	litch, pipeline,	, flume, natural cha	annel, undergro	und, etc.	
3. The water is diverted from	om the followin	g point(s):					
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NW1/4NW1/4 of Sec. 29, GPS Location in WGS 84.						Ç.	
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(List all points of diversion from by course and distant	the source, attaching to a section corne	ng a sheet if nec	essary. Descri	ibe as being within	a 40-acre subd	livision of public's	surve y and
					,,		C C
4. The date of construction			-			p.c.	
and completed Specific da	ites are unknow	II TOF WORK C	completed p	prior to 1905.			
5. The nature of the claims	ant's title to the	land upon w	hich the so	urce of water a	nd place of t	use is located:	
Public Domain with Gr	razing Permit in	the Spanish	Gulch Alle	otment			
	Patented,	deeded, public	domain with	grazing permit, etc	>.		
6. The claimant's water rig	tht was was	not record	ded in the o	office of the Co	unty Record	er of	
	County, at Page	e	of	Book	of		
7. The amount of water div	verted for the cl	aim's purpos	se has been	measured at			
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448.83 gallons per minute e	quals 1 cubic feet p	per second	_				
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8. The place of use location (For Irrigation, skip question #8 and proceed to Question #12):

Within Sec. NW1/4NW1/4 of Sec. 29, T.19N, R.54E GPS Location in WGS 84: Longitude -115.921000 Latitude 39.492200

(List all places of use for the primary and any secondary purposes being claimed, attaching additional sheet(s) as needed. Describe them as being within a 40-acre subdivision, section, township and range of public survey. If on unsurveyed land, it should be stated. If the watering of livestock is accomplished by utilizing the natural stream channel, then describe the 40-acre legal subdivision at the beginning (upstream point) and the legal subdivision at the end of the stream reach.)

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	_	alfalfa, native hay, grain, or	chard, meadow or di	iversified pasture)
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21. The season of use				
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Name	James E. Baumann	Signature	James	= 6	<u> </u>	<u>mw</u>	Tun,
	(Please type or print name)		(Please sig	n in the pres	ence of a Nota	ry Public))
Address	PO Box 308, Eureka		State of	Nevada	ZIP Code	893	316
Telephor	ne Number <u>775-237-5452</u>	Email Address sim	psoncreekranch	@gmail.co	om		
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USE(S):.						
Primary (Please select only	one):					
Irrigation	Stock water	✓ Minir	g and Milling	D	omestic	
Municipal	Industrial	Quasi	-Municipal	c.	ommercial	
Federal Reserved Right		Other (OTH)				
Secondary (Select all that n	nay be applicab	le):				
Stock water	Domestic	✓				
NAME OF CLAIMANT	James E.	& Vera L. Bauman	<u>n</u>			
Address PO Box 308		City of	Eureka	County of	Eureka	
State of Nevada	Telephone No.	775-237-5452	Email Address	simpsoncreek	ranch@gmai	1.com
Source of water	High Pass Spri	ing		-		_
		cc (use separate proofs f	or each major source s	ich as a spring, cree	k, river or under	rground)
2. The means of diversion	Natura	al Channel				
		Dam and ditch, pipe	eline, flume, natural cha	nnel, underground,	etc.	
3. The water is diverted from	om the followin	g point(s):				3 P
SE'M NE'M Sec 11.	TIAN RS4E	· · ·				
SW 1/4NW 1/4 of Sec. 28,	T.19N, R.54E ((Unsurveyed)	011		6	ニュー・ - で3
GPS Location in WGS 84	: Long: 11 3:5 4	иоузу . Lat. 39.490	811'		-4)	
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(List all points of diversion from by course and distance		ig a shect if necessary. Der for any other use than				vey, and
4. The date of construction	n of the ditch or	other works was be	gun Pre 1900.			
and completed Specific da	ates are unknow	n for work complet	ed prior to 1905.			
5. The nature of the claims		-		_	is located:	
Public Domain v		rmit in the Shannon	to to the			
	i alented,	deeded, public domain	with grazing perion, ex	•		
6. The claimant's water rig	tht was was	not recorded in t	he office of the Co	unty Recorder o	f	
	County, at Page	e	of Book	of		<u>.</u>
7. The amount of water div	verted for the cl	aim's purpose has b	een measured at			
0.0044			feet per second.			
448.83 gallons per minute e	equals 1 cubic feet p					
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8. The place of use location (For Irrigation, skip question #8 and proceed to Question #12):

SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section (1, T 19N, R 54E) Within the 8W1/4NW1/4 of Sec. 28, T.19N, R54E GPS Location in WGS 84: Longitude -115.906959 Latitude 39.490811

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11. The wa	iter is impounded				Y***
		•	Trough(s), tank(s)s, pool(s), reservoir, natur	al channel, etc.	er .
		QUESTIONS WIT	H REGARD TO IRRIGATION		
12. The da	te of survey of di	tch, canal, or pipe line v	2RK		
12. TH O GG	to or survey of th	ten, canal, or pipe inte			5, 13
13. The dir	mensions of the c	litch or canal as original	ly constructed were: Width on bot	tom	feet,
width on to	p	feet, depth	feet, for	lineal feet of	improvement,
			If conduit has been since enlarged,		
14. The dir	nensions and typ	e of pipeline as original	ly constructed were: Diameter of		 _
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	Examples: (Corrugated Metal Pipe, Rivete	d Iron Pipe or Wrapped Wooden Pipe		
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15. The co.	nduit <u>has / has</u> (circle one	not_been enlarged.			
16. The w		ent of the ditch, canal or	pipeline commenced		
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of			for	lineal feet in length.
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		If claimant is an owner in the conc	huit, state interest held on th	his line.
20.	Crop(s) of			
		(e.g. alfalfa, native hay, g	grain, orchard, meadow or d	liversified pasture)
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21	The season of use for irrig	ation is typically from		to
of	each year. The average nun	ber of cuttings in a year is	typically	cuttings and the maximum number
	cuttings in a year is			
23 (If	The years during which no	o water was used for irrigat	ion or during which th	rery year since the right was initiated the full water right was not used were tration of non-use should be given, appending
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If proof is not made by the claimant, depor	nent shall state on this lin	e by virtue of what authority they re	epresent the claimant.
Name James E. Baumann	Signature	S amount	Source
(Please type or print name)		(Please sign in the presen	ice of a Notary Public)
Address PO Box 308, Eureka		State of Nevada 2	ZIP Code 89316
Telephone Number <u>775-237-5452</u>	Email Address sin	npsoncreekranch@gmail.com	n 3: 55
State of Nevada			
County of Eureka			The state of the s
Subscribed and sworn to before me on _	5/24/2016 (Date)		
by James & Bou	m	Notary I	NELLE D. WATTS Public - State of Nevada ent Recorded in Eureka County

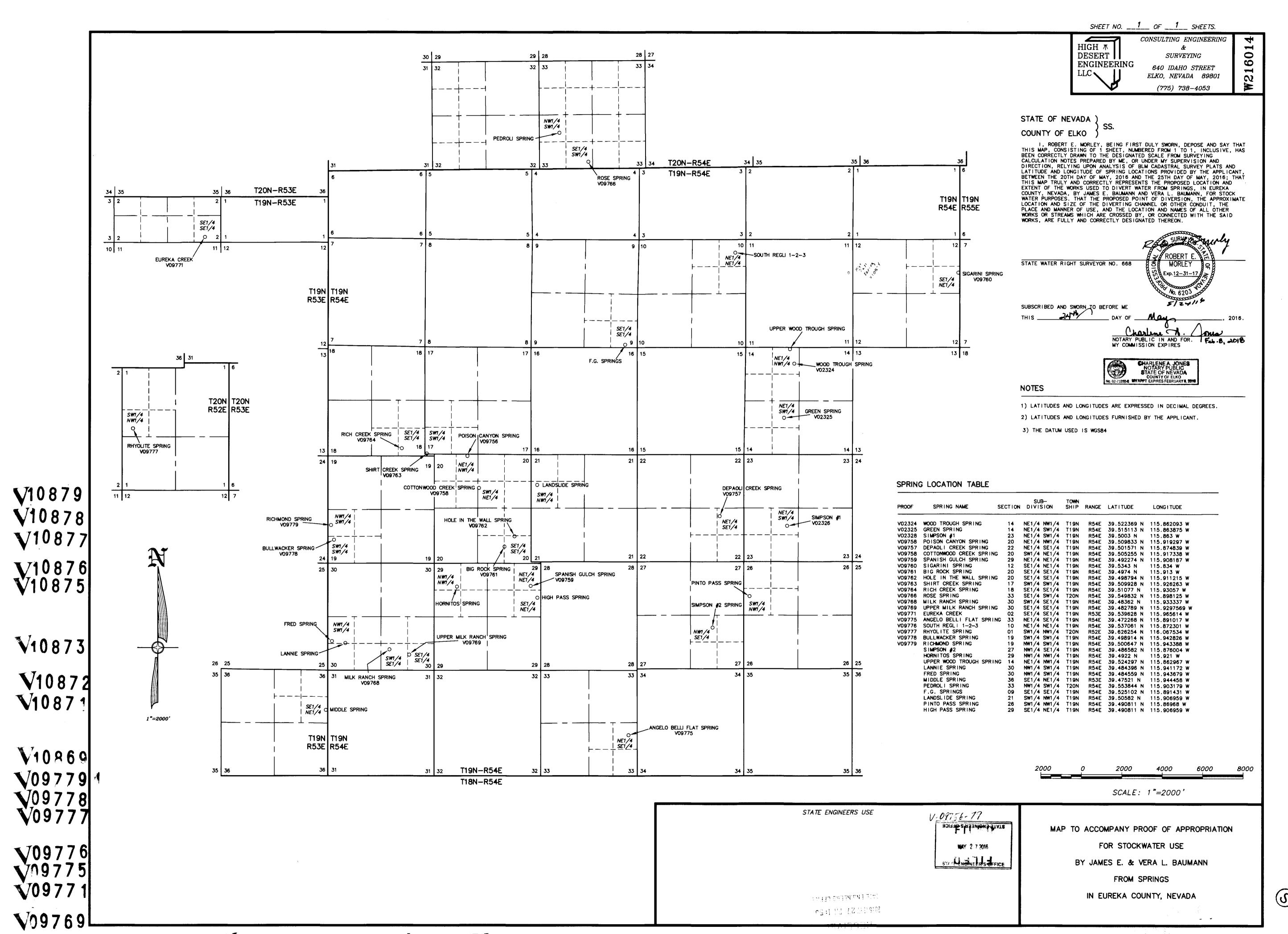
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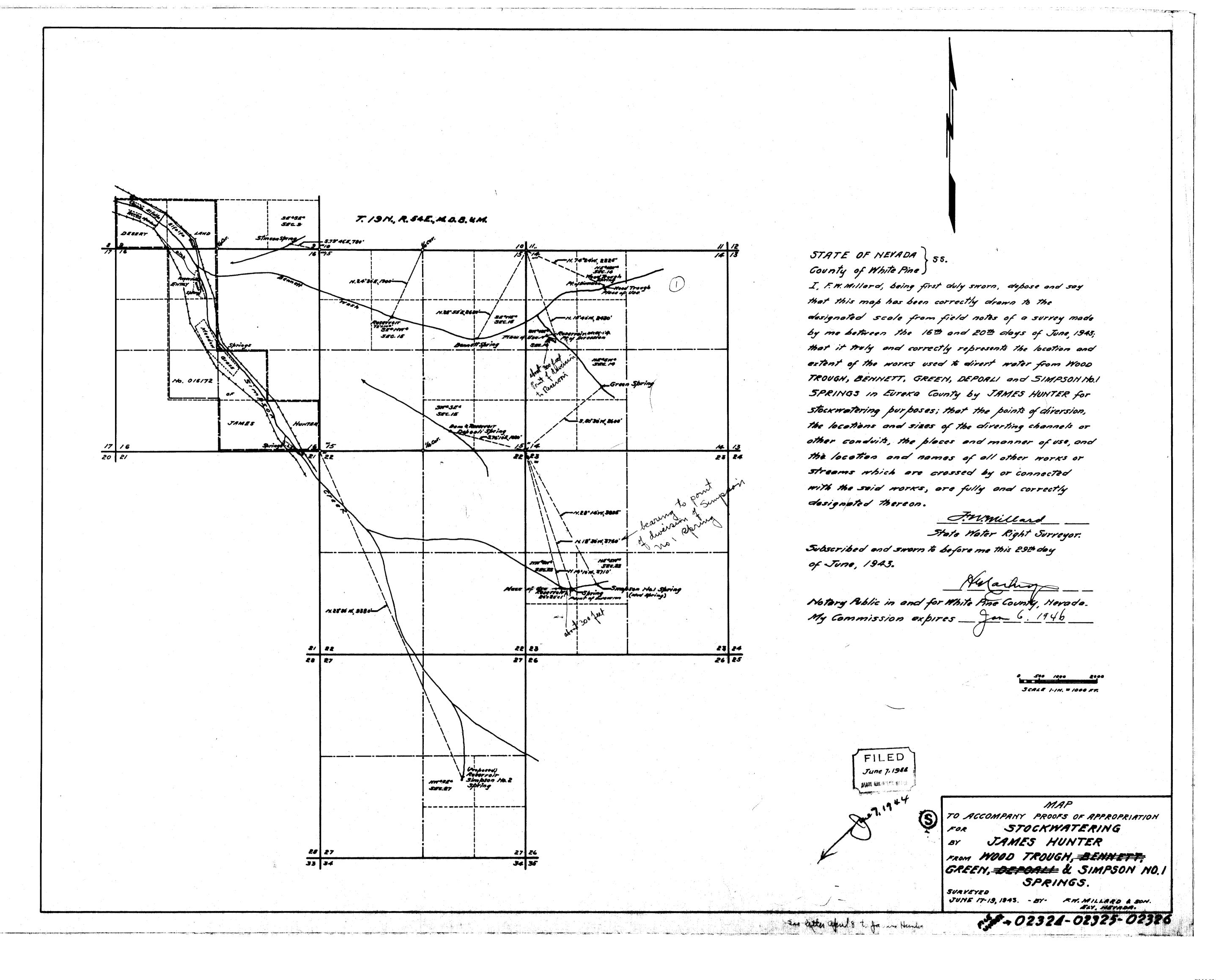
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STATE OF NEVADA

PROOF OF APPROPRIATION OF WATER

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USE(S):.						
Primary (Please select only	/ one):					
Irrigation	Stock water	Mini	ng and Milling	Dom	estic	
Municipal	Industrial	Quas	i-Municipal	Com	mercial	\sqcap
Federal Reserved Right		Other (OTH)	<u> </u>	<u></u>		<u> </u>
Secondary (Select all that i	may be applicab	le):				
Stock water	Domestic					
NAME OF CLAIMANT	James & Vera	Baumann				
Address PO Box 308		City of	Eureka	County of E	ureka	
State of Nevada	Telephone No.	775-237-5452	Email Address	simpsoncreekran	ch@gmail	.com
Source of water	Middle S _l	pring				
Name o	of natural water sour	ce (use separate proofs	for each major source s	uch as a spring, creek, ri	iver or under	ground)
2. The means of diversion	P	ipeline				: •
		Dam and ditch, pi	peline, flume, natural cha	annel, underground, etc.		
3. The water is diverted fr	om the followin	g point(s):				
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GPS Location in Wo			39,475210			
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5. The nature of the claim		-			ocated:	
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	ratented,	deeded, public domain	with grazing permit, etc	. ,		
6. The claimant's water rig	ght was was	not recorded in	the office of the Co	unty Recorder of		
	County, at Page	e	of Book	of		
7. The amount of water di	verted for the cl	aim's purpose has	been measured at			
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8. The place of use location (For Irrigation, skip question #8 and proceed to Question #12):

Within SE1/4NE1/4 of Sec. 36, T.19N; R.53E GPS Location in WGS 84: Longitude -115.944456 Latitude 39.475210

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The water	ing was condu	cted during each of the follow	wing months: January 1, through	gh December 3	1 of each year
10. The ap	oproximate nui	mber of animals watered by the	he claimant in subsequent years	was:	
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16. The	work of enlarg	ement of the ditch, canal or p	ipeline commenced		
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Name James E. Baumann	Signature	HAME!		Bass		3
(Please type or print name)		(Please sign	in the pre	sence of a Nota	ry Public)	
Address PO Box 308, Eureka		State of	NV	ZIP Code	89316	
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CONVERSATION RECORD					
Baumann Family Trust		Phone Call		Date	2/14/20
James Baumann (Jim)		In Person	•	Time	12:30 F
Bill Baumann		Confrence			12.30
Eureka County Natural Resource Advisory Commission					
Jake Tibbitts					
Mount Lewis Field Office - BLM					
Amanda Holmes (Mandy)					
SUBJECT: Shannon Station Seeding succe	ss field visit				
SUMMARY:					
to support grazing in these seedings (6th st strip treatments. During field visit, I observe for GRSG), forb diversity increased, ryegrass The Whistler and 6th street seeding, based implementation in the Shannon Station FM assure seeding success and establishment. I little evidence exists of any growth from last pasture where they may be affecting seedli	ed that the mowns (LECI4) was natured on the field visit UD will need to I Photos show the styear. The rabbi	ed sagebrus irally increa , is not suita be postpone growth of s	sh wa sing, able f ed for seedl	s coming back or grazing yet. r another 3-5 y ings thus far ir	nicely (tender Plan B years in order to the year and
pasture where they may be affecting seedii	ing growth.				
Baumanns would like to consider targeted pain continuing years.	grazing for cheat	grass in the	Whis	stler Pasture ti	nis fall 2018 and
I requested that Jake Tibbitts send the BLM as I cannot find the original.	a copy of his sig	ned copy of	fthe	Co-op agreem	ent from 2015

ACTION REQUIRED:

- Memo to casefile about Plan B implementation
- Jake Tibbitts to look in his records for the signed co-op agreement for the Fall 2015 planting

PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION	SIGNATURE	DATE
A. Holmes	dolmon	2/20/2018

Form 4130-2a (July 2016)



U.S. Department of the Interior BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



State: NV Office: LLNVB01000 Preference Code: 03 AUTHORIZATION: 2703673

GRAZING PERMIT

EFFECTIVE: 03/01/2013 TO 02/28/2021

ISSUED BY.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT MOUNT LEWIS FO 50 BASTIAN RD BATTLE MOUNTAIN NV 89820 ISSUED TO:

BAUMANN FAMILY TRUST P.O. BOX 308 EUREKA NV 89316

UNDER 43 CFR PART 4100, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) OFFERS YOU THIS GRAZING PERMIT BASED ON YOUR RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATIONS. UPON YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS GRAZING PERMIT AND PAYMENT OF GRAZING FEES WHEN DUE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE GRAZING USE OF LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BLM THAT ARE COVERED BY THIS GRAZING PERMIT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS GRAZING PERMIT, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BLM OFFICE AT 775-635-4000.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ALLOTMENT		PASTURE	LIVESTOCK NUMBER KIND	PERIOD BEGIN END		%PL USE TYPE USE	AUMS
NV10051	SHANNON STATION/SPANISH GULCH		130 CATTLE	04/01	05/14	97 ACTIVE	182
NV10051	SHANNON STATION/SPANISH GULCH		300 CATTLE	05/15	12/31	97 ACTIVE	2,210
NV10051	SHANNON STATION/SPANISH GULCH		68 CATTLE	01/01	02/28	97 ACTIVE	128

THIS PERMIT OR LEASE IS ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 415, PUBLIC LAW 112-74 AND CONTAINS THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE PREVIOUS PERMIT OR LEASE. THIS PERMIT OR LEASE MAY BE CANCELED, SUSPENDED, OR MODIFIED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

THE SPANISH GULCH ALLOTMENT WILL BE GRAZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SHANNON STATION ALLOTMENT WHEN THE PERMITTEE'S LIVESTOCK ARE IN THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SHANNON STATION ALLOTMENT.

THIS PERMIT WILL BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED UPON SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT PRACTICES INDENTIFIED IN THE FINAL MULTIPLE USE DECISION (FMUD) FOR THE SHANNON STATION/SPANISH GULCH ALLOTMENT.

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES APPROVED FEBRUARY 12, 1997 FOR THE NORTHEASTERN RAC AREA.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 43 CFR 4130.8-1(F): FAILURE TO PAY GRAZING BILLS WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DUE DATE SPECIFIED IN 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. PAYMENT MADE LATER THAN 15 DAYS AFTER THE DUE DATE, SHALL INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE LATE FEE ASSESSMENT. FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS MAY BE A VIOLATION OF 43 CFR SEC. 4140.1(B)(1) AND SHALL RESULT IN ACTION BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER UNDER 43 CFR SECTIONS 4150.1-2.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH 43 CFR 4130.3-2(D): ACTUAL USE INFORMATION, FOR EACH PASTURE/USE AREA, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER WITHIN 15 DAYS OF COMPLETING GRAZING USE AS SPECIFIED ON THE GRAZING PERMIT AND/OR GRAZING LICENSES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 43 CFR 4120.3-1(A): ALL RANGE IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE INSTALLED, USED, MAINTAINED, AND/OR MODIFIED ON THE PUBLIC LANDS, OR REMOVED FROM THESE LANDS, IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH MULTIPLE-USE MANAGEMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 43 CFR 4130.3-2(C): IN ORDER TO IMPROVE LIVESTOCK AND RANGELAND MANAGEMENT ON THE PUBLIC LANDS, ALL SALT AND/OR MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS WILL NOT BE PLACED WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF ANY RIPARIAN AREA, WET MEADOW, OR WATERING FACILITY (EITHER PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY) UNLESS STIPULATED THROUGH A WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR DECISION.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 43 CFR 4130.3-2(H): ALL GRAZING PERMITTEES SHALL PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCESS ACROSS PRIVATE AND/OR LEASED LANDS TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR THE ORDERLY MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC LANDS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 43 CFR 4130.3-3: THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER MAY MODIFY TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT OR LEASE WHEN THE ACTIVE USE OR RELATED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ARE NOT MEETING THE LAND USE PLAN, ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN OR OTHER ACTIVITY PLAN, OR MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES, OR IS NOT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPART 4180 RAC STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.

PURSUANT TO 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 OBJECTS, SACRED OBJECTS, OR OBJECTS OF CULTURAL PATRIMONY (AS DEFINED AT 43 CFR 10.2). 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 ACTIVITES FOR 30 DAYS OR UNTIL NOTIFIED BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 43 CFR 4130.3-1 (B) - ALL PERMITS AND LEASES SHALL BE MADE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, OR MODIFICATION FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THESE REGULATIONS OR OF ANY TERM OR CONDITION OF THE PERMIT OR LEASE.

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PERMITTED USE SUMMARY

ALLOTMENT		SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	PERMITTED
		AUMS	AUMS	USE
NV10051 SHANNON STATION/SPANISH GULCH	2,520	691	0	3,211

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PERMITS AND LEASES

- 1. Grazing permit or lease terms and conditions and the fees charged for grazing use are established in accordance with the provisions of the grazing regulations now or hereafter approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
- 2. They are subject to cancellation, in whole or in part, at any time because of:
 - a. Noncompliance by the permittee/lessee with rules and regulations.
- b. Loss of control by the permittee/lessee of all or a part of the property upon which it is based.
- c. A transfer of grazing preference by the permittee/lessee to another party.
- d. A decrease in the lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the allotment(s) described.
- e. Repeated willful unauthorized grazing use.
- f. Loss of qualifications to hold a permit or lease.
- 3. They are subject to the terms and conditions of allotment management plans if such plans have been prepared. Allotment management plans MUST be incorporated in permits or leases when completed.
- 4. Those holding permits or leases MUST own or control and be responsible for the management of livestock authorized to graze.
- 5. The authorized officer may require counting and/or additional or special marking or tagging of the livestock authorized to graze.
- 6. The permittee's/lessee's grazing case file is available for public inspection as required by the Freedom of Information Act.
- 7. Grazing permits or leases are subject to the nondiscrimination clauses set forth in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1964, as amended. A copy of this order may be obtained from the authorized officer.
- 8. Livestock grazing use that is different from that authorized by a permit or lease MUST be applied for prior to the grazing period and MUST be filed with and approved by the authorized officer before grazing use can be made.
- Billing notices are issued which specify fees due. Billing notices, when paid, become a part of the grazing permit or lease. Grazing use cannot be authorized during any period of delinquency in the payment of amounts due, including settlement for unauthorized use.
- 10. The holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (cultural items), stop the activity in the area of the discovery and make a reasonable effort to protect the remains and/or cultural items.
- 11. Grazing fee payments are due on the date specified on the billing notice and MUST be paid in full within 15 days of the due date, except as otherwise provided in the grazing permit or lease. If payment is not made within that time frame, a late fee (the greater of \$25 or 10 percent of the amount owed but not more than \$250) will be assessed.
- 12. Members of Congress may not enter into a grazing permit or lease. 41 USC 6306 (2014). Further, no officer, agent, or employee of the Department of the Interior, other than members of Advisory committees appointed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 1) and Sections 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 1701 et. seq.) shall be admitted to any share or part in a permit or lease for grazing or derive any benefit to arise from a permit or lease for grazing.

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THIS GRAZING PERMIT:

- 1. CONVEYS NO RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST HELD BY THE UNITED STATES IN ANY LANDS OR RESOURCES
- 2. IS SUBJECT TO (A) MODIFICATION, SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION AS REQUIRED BY LAND PLANS AND APPLICABLE LAW; (B) ANNUAL REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS APPROPRIATE; AND (C) THE TAYLOR GRAZING ACT, AS AMENDED, THE FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT, AS AMENDED, THE PUBLIC RANGELANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS NOW OR HEREAFTER PROMULGATED THEREUNDER BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

ACCEPTED BY:	
James & Baumann	_10-7-18
OPERATOR SIGNATURE	DATE
James E. BaumaNN	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE	
APPROVED BY:	
_ Qu d. Shene	10 hz/2018
BLM AUTHORIZED OFFICER SIGNATURE	DATE
Jon D. Sherve	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE	

AUMS: Animal Unit Months. Animal unit month means the amount of forage necessary for the sustenance of one cow or its equivalent for a period of 1 month. For fee calculation purposes, an AUM is one month's use and occupancy of the range by one cow, bull, steer, heifer, horse, burro, mule, 5 sheep or 5 goats that: (1) are over the age of 6 months at the time of entering lands administered by the BLM; (2) are weaned regardless of age; (3) will become 12 months of age during the authorized period of use.

%PL Use: Percent forage from public land use.

Type Use: Categories with specific rules that govern AUM and grazing fee calculation and input on grazing authorizations and bills.

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Baumann Family Trust P.O. Box 308 Eureka, NV 89316

Dear Bill and Jim Baumann:

You contacted the Battle Mountain District Office (BMDO) on October 3, 2018 in regard to a misunderstanding with the Nevada Division of Water Resources about the beneficial use of your stock water rights within the Spanish Gulch Allotment. As discussed in our conversation, the Nevada Division of Water Resources does not have record of your grazing preference and permit within the Spanish Gulch Allotment.

This letter is intended to address any misunderstanding by providing you with written confirmation of your grazing preference and permit in the Spanish Gulch Allotment. The Final Multiple Use Decision (FMUD) for the Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch Allotments (2000) states that the Bureau of Land Management will manage the Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch Allotments as one allotment. The terms and conditions on your previous term grazing permit refers to this FMUD, which allows for cattle to be grazed within both allotments. The Rocky Knoll and Angelo Belli pastures are within the boundaries of both the Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch Allotments. However, only the Shannon Station Allotment name is shown on the previous permit. In order to provide clarity and avoid confusion in the future, the allotment name has been updated on your new term grazing permit to the Shannon Station/Spanish Gulch Allotment, effective October 22, 2018. This new term grazing permit and the FMUD for the Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch Allotments are attached for reference.

If you have any questions or if you need the BMDO to provide further documentation of your grazing use within the Spanish Gulch Allotment, please contact Robert Burdick, Range Management Specialist, at (775) 635-4188.

Sincerely

Døuglas W. Furtado District Manager

Battle Mountain District Office

Enclosures:

Baumann Family Trust Term Permit (2703673)
Final Multiple Use Decision for the Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch Allotments (2000)
Shannon Station and Spanish Gulch Allotments Map
Shannon Station Allotment Grazing Pastures Map

