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Twin Falls, ID 83301



In Reply Refer To:
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November 20, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Goodtime Association
C/O John Faulkner
1989 S 1875 E
Gooding, ID 83330

Notice of Field Manager's Decision

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

I have received your request for a temporary crossing permit to trail livestock across public lands in the following allotments: Blue Butte (#00277) and Dove Springs (#01146). Upon review, and in accordance with 43 CFR 4130.6-3, 43 CFR 4160.1(a) and Section 123 of the 2012 Appropriations Omnibus Act, your application for a temporary crossing permit is approved, with conditions.

Background

Your crossing permit application requested authorization to trail one band of 1620 sheep from the West Saylor Creek (#01137) Allotment through the Blue Butte (#00277) and Dove Springs (#01146) Allotments to the Twin Butte (#01145) Allotment. Trailing activities are scheduled to occur for 1 day between December 15 and 16, 2012, depending on weather conditions. The BLM prepared Environmental Assessment (EA) No. DOI-BLM-ID-T010-2012-0004-EA¹ to analyze the environmental consequences of trailing livestock throughout the Jarbidge Field Office. After reviewing EA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T010-2012-0004-EA, I determined that livestock trailing would not result in any significant impacts and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact on November 16, 2012.

Decision and Rationale

I have decided to issue you a crossing permit to trail one band of 1620 sheep across public lands. The authorized trailing route will cross through portions of the Blue Butte (#00277) and Dove Springs

¹ EA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T010-2012-0004-EA and its associated Finding of No Significant Impact are available through https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. Select State = **Idaho**, Office = **ID-Jarbidge FO**, Document Type = **EA**, Fiscal Year = **2012**, Program = **All**, then click **Search**. Once you arrive here, click on **DOI-BLM-ID- T010-2012-0004-EA**. If you are unable to view the documents on the website, you may request that hard copies be sent to you.

(#01146) Allotments along a trailing route (see attached map) analyzed under the Proposed Action of EA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T010-2012-0004-EA. As described in the Finding of No Significant Impact for the EA, I found none of the impacts associated with this trailing event to be significant either individually or cumulatively. Therefore, you are authorized to conduct crossing activities for up to 1 day between December 15 and 16, 2012 in accordance with the terms and conditions listed in the attached permit. My reasons for approving your application with the additional terms and conditions are to minimize potential impacts to soils, riparian areas, wildlife habitat, cultural resources, and noxious weeds and invasive plants.

My decision is in conformance with the 1987 Jarbidge Resource Management Plan (RMP). The RMP authorizes livestock grazing within the grazing allotments of the Jarbidge Field Office. Livestock trailing is an action connected to livestock grazing management and, therefore, trailing is in conformance with the RMP. This action would not result in a change in the scope of resource use or a change in the terms, conditions, and decision of the approved RMP.

BLM analyzed four alternatives (Proposed Action and Alternatives 1-3) and considered one additional alternative that was not analyzed in detail (see Chapter 2 of EA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T010-2012-0004-EA). The Proposed Action included the proposed trailing activities as submitted in crossing permit applications. Alternative 1 was the no action alternative and would have denied all applications for crossing permits. Alternative 2 established 1-mile wide trailing corridors across the Jarbidge Field Office. Alternative 3 was developed in response to public comments and reduced the trailing corridor width and locations across the Jarbidge Field Office.

All terms and conditions described in the temporary crossing permit are incorporated by reference into this decision and must be followed. Terms and conditions that are specifically identified to reduce environmental effects are:

Terms and Conditions

- Trailing will occur along the route outlined on the attached map. No overnight areas on BLM-administered lands will be authorized.
- Trailing of livestock will occur along the Water Haul Road within the area burned by the Kinyon Road Fire of 2012.
- Trailing will not be authorized during times when soils are saturated. Environmental conditions will be monitored for trailing within high potential slickspot peppergrass habitat to ensure trailing does not occur during times of saturated soils.
- Areas used for staging vehicles, horse trailers, fence panels, etc. will avoid sagebrush areas; if this is not possible, previously disturbed sites will be used, such as areas around stock ponds or troughs, past seedings, or other grassland sites.
- Use of motorized vehicles associated with trailing is restricted to existing roads.
- The use of certified noxious-weed-free forage is required for any horses used for the herding of livestock.

The temporary crossing permit will be signed by the applicant and the Jarbidge Field Manager, or his authorized representative, prior to the trailing event.

Authority

My decision is issued under the authority found in:

Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Subpart 4100 Grazing Administration, specifically sections 4100.0-3, 4130.6-3, 4130.3, 4160.3(a), 4130.8-1(b), and 4130.8-1(c);

the 2012 Appropriations Omnibus Act Sec. 123; and

the 1987 Jarbidge Resource Management Plan which allocates livestock uses in the affected allotments.

Protest and/or Appeal

My decision is not subject to protest or appeal in accordance with Section 123 of the 2012 Appropriations Omnibus Act.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 736-2380 or Krystle Pehrson at (208) 736-2363.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian W. Davis

Brian W. Davis
Field Manager

Enclosures:

Crossing Permit (2 pp.)

Map of trailing route (1 p.)

Copies sent to:

Blue Butte Grazing Association

Joe Kinyon

David Kinyon

Jerome Hansen, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Timothy C. Duffner, Idaho Department of Lands

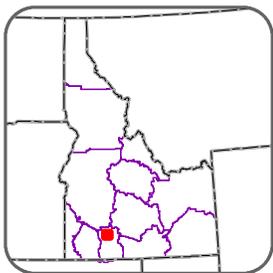
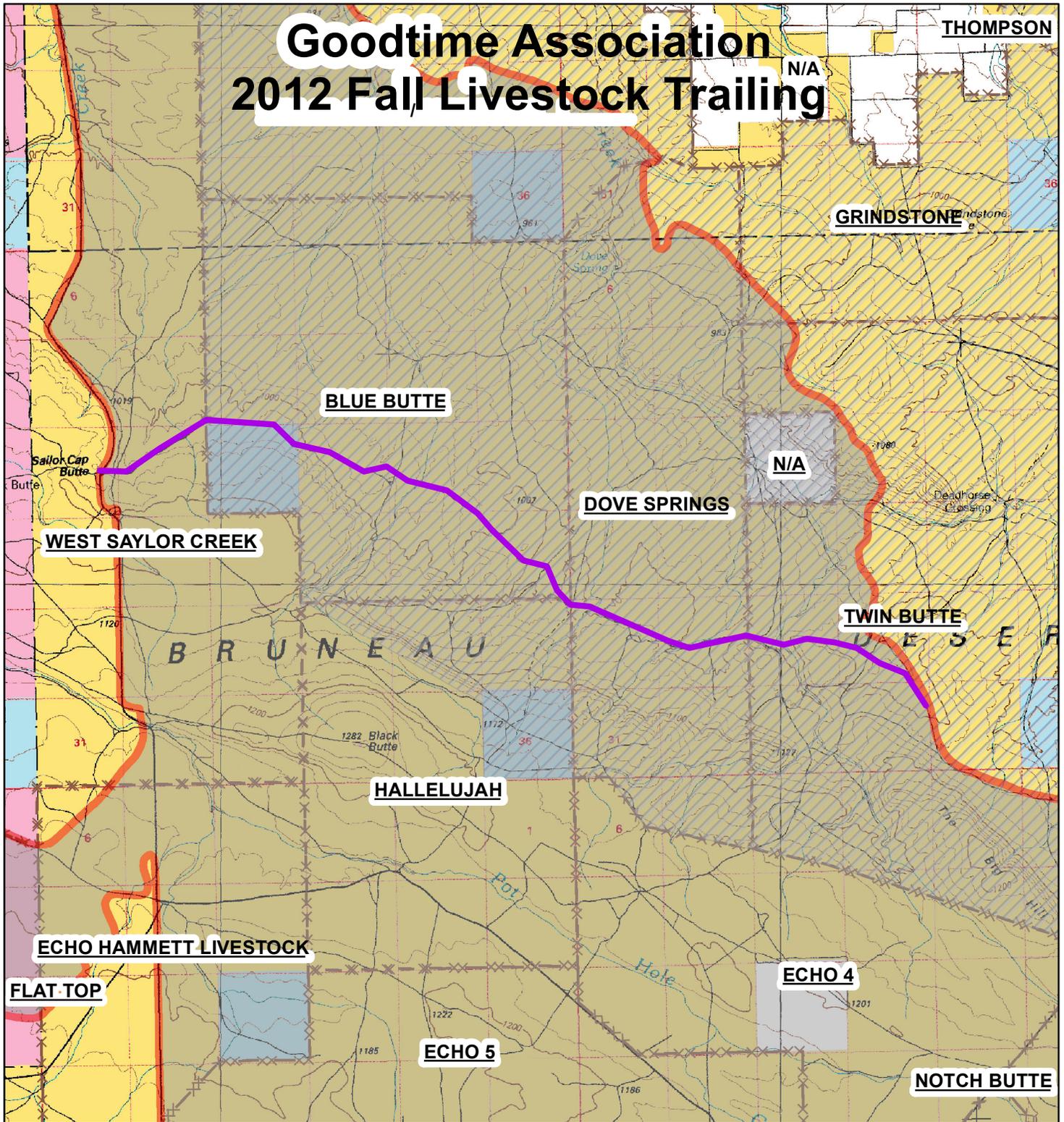
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John Robison, Idaho Conservation League
Brett Stevenson, Idaho Conservation League
Marty Marzinelli, Sierra Club (Mid Snake)
Craig Gehrke, The Wilderness Society
Sean Woodhead, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
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Steve Jakubowics, Committee for the High Desert
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Steve Russell, Bruneau Dunes State Park
Jerry Hoagland, Owyhee County Board of Commissioners
Jim Desmond, NRC Owyhee County Board of Commissioners
Ron Kay, Idaho Department of Agriculture
Ray Mitchell, R&S Enterprises
Jeff Cook, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Randy Stowell
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Robert Amidon
Connie Cunningham
Barry Lehman
Sabrina Leonard, Friends of the Mustang
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Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center
Nell Walton, All Horses Post
Christine Van Boening
Deniz Bolbol, American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign

Goodtime Association 2012 Fall Livestock Trailing



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Legend

- Goodtime_Fall_Sheep_Trail
- Fire Perimeters (Current Year)
- Saylor Creek Herd Management Area
- Allotment Boundary
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Military, Department of Defense
- Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Private; other
- State



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Miles



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User: kpehrson
Date: 11/20/2012
Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11N
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Datum: North American 1983

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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CROSSING PERMIT

Bureau of Land Management
Jarbidge Field Office
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1989 S 1875 E
Gooding, ID 83330

This crossing permit is offered to you under 43 CFR Part 4100. You are authorized to cross lands that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management and covered by this permit, upon acceptance of ALL terms and conditions of this permit and payment of fees when due. Contact your local BLM office at 736-2350 if you have any questions.

MANDATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Allotment Number	Allotment Name	Livestock Number	Livestock Kind	Crossing Begin	Crossing End	% PL	Number of Days	AUMs
00277	Blue Butte	1620	Sheep	12/15/12	12/16/12	100	0.5	6
01146	Dove Springs	1620	Sheep	12/15/12	12/16/12	100	0.5	6

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Livestock trailing will be in accordance with the Notice of Field Manager's Decision dated November 20, 2012. Trailing will occur for 1 day.
- Dates may vary based on weather and soil conditions. The Field Manager or his authorized representative shall be notified prior to any changes in the schedule.
- Trailing will occur along the route outlined on the attached map. No overnight areas on BLM-administered lands will be authorized.
- Trailing of livestock will occur along the Water Haul Road within the area burned by the Kinyon Road Fire of 2012.
- Trailing will not be authorized during times when soils are saturated. Environmental conditions will be monitored for trailing within high potential slickspot peppergrass habitat to ensure trailing does not occur during times of saturated soils.
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- Use of motorized vehicles associated with trailing is restricted to existing roads.
- The use of certified noxious-weed-free forage is required for any horses used for the herding of livestock.

This permit: 1. Conveys no right, title or interest held by the United States in any lands or resources and 2. is subject to (A) modification, suspension or cancellation as provided by land plans and applicable law; (B) 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.

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Billing notices are issued which specify fees due. Billing notices, when paid, become part of the crossing permit. Fee payments are due on the date specified on the billing notice and **MUST** be paid in full prior to livestock crossing activities.
- This permit is issued solely for the purpose of moving livestock across public lands for proper and lawful purposes, as needed for the orderly administration of rangelands. This permit confers no priority for renewal, and cannot be transferred or assigned.
- The allotment(s) listed on this crossing permit is subject to requirements 43 CFR 4180 – Fundamentals of Rangeland Health and Standards and Guidelines for Grazing Administration. This permit shall be modified, if necessary, to meet these requirements upon completion of a Standards and Guidelines Assessment and Determination.

Accepted Signature of Permittee: _____

Date: _____

Approved BLM Authorized Officer: _____

Date: _____