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11. Approval of Base Property License at Horseshoe Ranch**Presenter:** Jay Cook, Mesa Regional Supervisor

Mr. Cook provided a PowerPoint presentation and briefing regarding the Department's request for the Commission to approve a base property license with JH Cattle Company at Horseshoe Ranch (Ranch) for livestock operations. The Ranch and associated water rights were purchased by the Commission in 2011. As part of the purchase, the Commission also paid for the appraised value of the two federal grazing allotments attached to the Ranch and entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service to address the management of these allotments. The Ranch is base property for the Horseshoe allotment with the Copper Creek allotment given to the lessee of the Horseshoe allotment. Subsequent to acquisition, the Commission secured a base property lease with JH Cattle Company, a qualified livestock operator to operate the allotments.

The license agreement would provide JH Cattle Company an agreement to continue livestock operations on the allotments and ensures the Commission retains the allotments. The agreement also outlines the terms and conditions of JH Cattle Company's use of the base property. The license agreement is for a 10-year period. A longer term provides assurances to the Department that the Licensee is committed to the managing allotments for an extended period of time and according to guidance in the CRMP. It provides the Licensee a longer term commitment in order to continue to invest additional resources including funding (ie. licensee funds, NRCS and other grants) into the allotments. Many of the improvements will take multiple years to plan and execute. The current lessee has been a very willing and valued partner to the Department and is a known and respected partner to the stakeholder group.

Motion: Madden moved and Harris seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE BASE PROPERTY LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH JH CATTLE COMPANY AT HORSESHOE RANCH FOR LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS FOR A TERM OF 10 YEARS AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR, AS SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AS RECOMMENDED OR APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Vote: Unanimous

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12. Update on Status of Article 1 Rulemaking Activities and Public Outreach Plan for Article 1 Rules Regarding Definitions and General Provisions.**Presenter:** Amber Munig, Big Game Supervisor

Ms. Munig briefed the Commission on the Department's progress toward rulemaking and public outreach efforts for Article 1 rules regarding Definitions and General Provisions. This presentation was informational only and the rulemaking recommendations will be presented at a future meeting. The Department is looking at developing a synopsis of the significant changes