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In Reply Refer to:
4110,4130 (LLAZA010)

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NOTICE OF GRAZING DECISION

For the Grazing Permit Transfer of the Coyote Spring Allotment

Dear Will and Jodie Barnson:

This is in response to your application to transfer an interest in the grazing preference of the Coyote Spring allotment from Chyanne Soffel (transferor) to Will and Jodie Barnson.

The Coyote Spring Allotment is located in the Arizona Strip Office, approximately 15 miles south of St. George Utah, and is found within the following described area:

Gila & Salt River Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

T. 42 N., 11 W. Sec. 34-36

T. 41 N., 11 W. Sec. 1-2, 11-12, 13-14, 24

T. 41 N., 10 W. Sec. 6-8, 17-23, 26-30, 32-34

T. 40 N., 10 W. Sec. 3-5, 8-10, 14-17, 22-23, 25-26, 35-36

Federal Acres: 20,437

State Acres: 360

Private Acres: 0

Total Acreage: 20,797

This transfer would result in one new grazing permit being issued. The term of the new permit would be the same as the transferor's permit which was March 01, 2015 to February 28, 2025 for the Coyote Spring Allotment. The authorized grazing use and permit terms and conditions are shown below in Table 1.

Table 1. Coyote Spring Allotment (AZ04805).

Permittee	Livestock Number and Kind	Grazing Period	Percent Public Land	Active AUMs	Suspended AUMs	Total AUMs
Will and Jodie Banson	50 Cattle 1 Horses	11/1- 4/30 11/1- 4/30	96% 96%	292	97	389

AUMs = Animal Unit Months

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Terms and Conditions:

Permit issued will have no changes and includes the Standard Terms and Conditions under 43 CFR 4130.3.

DECISION

The grazing permit is in accordance with the Arizona Strip Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision approved February 2008.

Your application and supporting documentation are in order and you meet all requirements under 43 CFR § 4110.2-3 for transfer of grazing preference.

Transfers of grazing preference are categorically excluded from further National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review (516 DM 11.9). Based on a review of the action described in the attached Categorical Exclusion (CX) documentation and resource staff recommendations, I have determined that this permit transfer is in conformance with the Arizona Strip Field Office RMP and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. An interdisciplinary team completed a review of extraordinary circumstances for applicability and found that none apply. Based on this review, the transfer does not require preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Therefore, I have decided to approve the transfer of grazing preference described above.

RATIONALE

The transfer of the grazing permit will help to provide for the sustainability of the western livestock industry and communities that are dependent upon productive, healthy public rangelands.

AUTHORITY

Statutory and regulatory authorities for this decision are in the Taylor Grazing Act as amended, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 CFR § 4100:

43 CFR § 4100.0-8: “The authorized officer shall manage cattle grazing on public lands under the principle of multiple use and sustained yield, and in accordance with applicable land use plans.”

43 CFR § 4130.2(b): “The authorized officer shall consult, cooperate and coordinate with affected permittees or lessees, the State having lands or responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public prior to the issuance or renewal of grazing permits and leases.”

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.”

Section 3023 of Public Law (PL) 113-291, National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2015, amends Section 402 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and includes seven provisions related to livestock grazing as cited in BLM Instruction Memorandum (IM) No. 2015-122. This IM provides direction for the provisions that address continuing the terms and conditions for livestock grazing when a permit or lease has expired or was terminated due to a grazing preference transfer, both of which are applicable to this current action.

When a permit is terminated as a result of a transfer of preference, the authorized officer may issue the new permit in accordance with FLPMA Section 402(c)(2) with the same terms and conditions that were contained on the transferor’s permit. When a grazing permit expires, a new permit may be issued in accordance with the mandatory renewal provisions also contained within FLPMA Section 402(c)(2). Permits issued in accordance with Section 402(c)(2) of the FLPMA as amended by Public Law No. 113-291 are not protestable or appealable under the processes described in 43 CFR § 4160 and 43 CFR § 4.470 et seq.

Sincerely,

BRANDON
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cc: Will and Jodie Barnson case file.