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PROPOSED DECISION Temporary Water Hauling in the Blue Wing Seven Troughs Allotment

Dear Interested Party,

INTRODUCTION

On May 1, 2021, C Punch Ranch Inc. applied for a Range Improvement Permit to temporarily haul water in the Blue Wing/ Seven Troughs Allotment. The Blue Wing Seven Troughs Water Haul Categorical Exclusion (CX) # DOI-BLM-NV-W010-2021-0031-CX, has been completed for this Decision.

The permittee, C Punch Ranch Inc., would like to haul water to multiple locations (see attached map) within their authorized use area, the Blue Wing/ Seven Troughs Allotment. The area to the east of the Selenites, around Dry Mountain, has limited natural springs or live waters but has available forage. The purpose of the proposed project is to assist the distribution of livestock, particularly in areas where livestock would not normally graze due to lack of water. Increased distribution would reduce grazing pressure on areas with live water and existing riparian areas.

The permittee affected by this decision is C Punch Ranch Inc. A Summary of their grazing permit and season of use is as follows:

C Punch Ranch Inc.

Allotment	Active AUMs	Suspended AUMs	Total AUMs
Blue Wing/ Seven Troughs	14,058	11,806	25,864

(c) A period of 30 days following receipt of the final decision, or 30 days after the date the proposed decision becomes final as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, is provided for filing an appeal and petition for stay of the decision pending final determination on appeal. A decision will not be effective during the 30-day appeal period, except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section. See §§ 4.21 and 4.470 of this title for general provisions of the appeal and stay processes.

PROTEST AND APPEAL PROVISIONS

Any applicant, permittee, lessee or other interested public may protest a proposed decision under Sec. 43 CFR 4160.1 and 4160.2, in person or in writing to the Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Manager, Kathleen Rehberg, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445, within 15 days after receipt of such decision. The protest, if filed should clearly and concisely state the reason(s) why the proposed decision is in error.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4160.3(a), in the absence of a protest, the proposed decision will become the final decision of the authorized officer without further notice unless otherwise provided in the proposed decision.

In accordance with 43 C. F. R. 4.470, 4160.3(c), and 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. The appeal must be filed within 30 days after the date the proposed decision becomes final or 30 days after receipt of the final decision. In accordance with 43 C. F. R. 4.470, the appeal shall state clearly and concisely the reason(s) why the appellant thinks the final decision of the authorized officer is wrong.

Pursuant to 43 C. F. R. 4.471 and 4160.3(c), an appellant also may petition for a stay of the final decision pending appeal by filing a petition for stay along with the appeal within 30 days after the date the proposed decision becomes final or 30 days after receipt of the final decision.

The appeal and any petition for stay must be filed at the office of the authorized officer, Kathleen Rehberg, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Humboldt River Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445. Appeal and petition for stay may not be submitted electronically or by email. Within 15 days of filing the appeal and any petition for stay, the appellant also must serve a copy of the appeal and any petition for stay on any person named in the decision and listed at the end of the decision, and on the Office of the Solicitor, Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-1712, Sacramento, California 95825-1890.

Pursuant to 43 C. F. R. 4.471(c), a petition for stay, if filed, must 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.

43 C. F. R. 4.471(d) provides that the appellant requesting a stay bears the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Any person named in the decision from which an appeal is taken (other than the appellant) who wishes to file a response to the petition for a stay may file with the Hearings Division in Salt Lake City, Utah, a motion to intervene in the appeal, together with the response, within 10 days after receiving the petition. Within 15 days after filing the motion to intervene and response, the person must serve copies on the appellant, the Office of the Solicitor and any other person named in the decision (43 C. F. R. 4.472(b)).

At the conclusion of any document that a party must serve, the party or its representative must sign a written statement certifying that service has been or will be made in accordance with the applicable rules and specifying the date and manner of such service (43 C. F. R. 4.422(c)(2)).

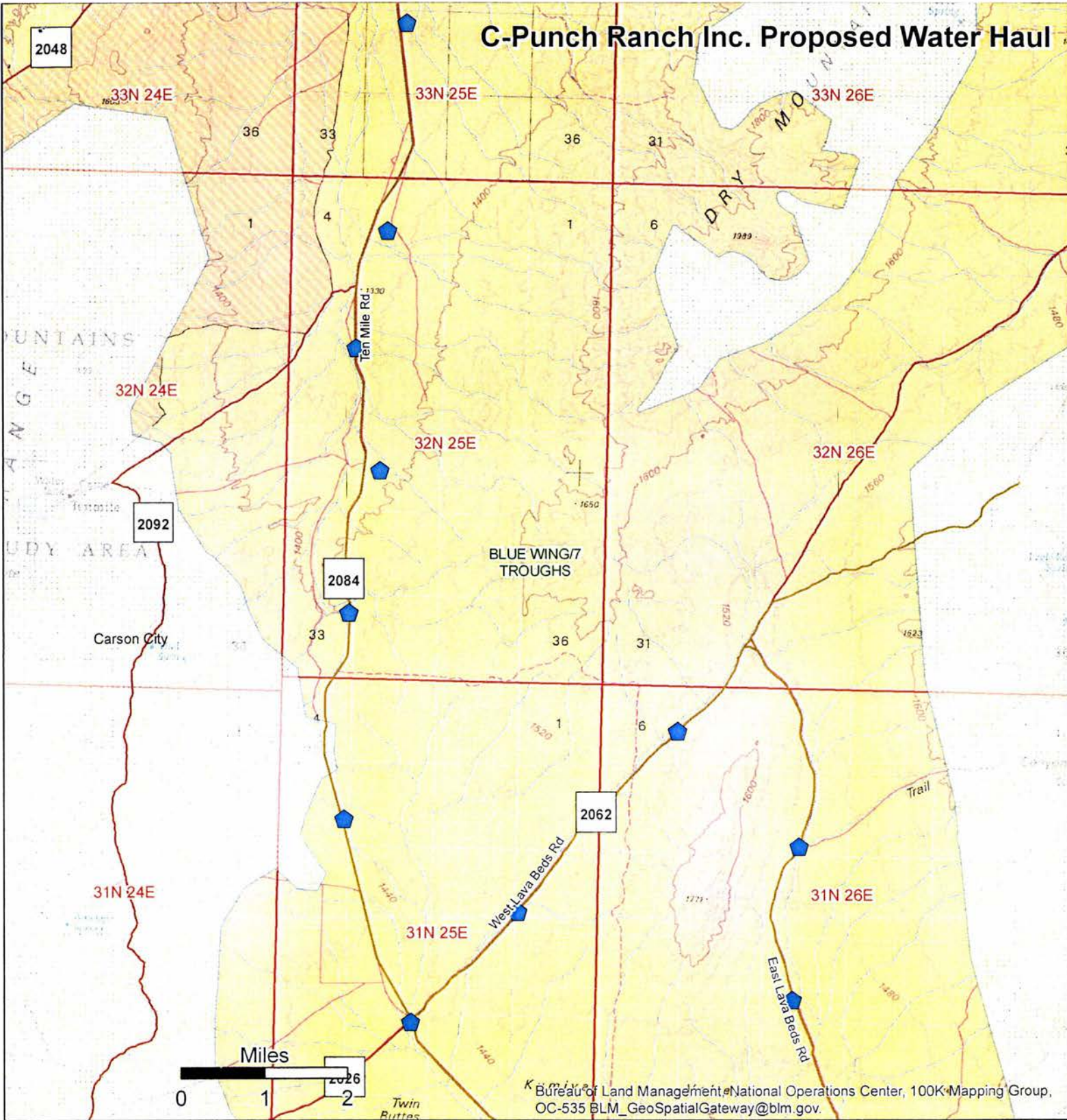
Sincerely,



Kathleen Rehberg
Field Manager
Humboldt River Field Office

Enclosures:
Map
cc-Interested Public List

C-Punch Ranch Inc. Proposed Water Haul



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- Proposed water haul sites
- County Road
- BLM System Road
- Other Road
- Grazing Allotment

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- Carson City
- Township
- Section



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