



CHURCHILL COUNTY AGENDA REPORT

Date Submitted: August 18, 2021

Meeting Date Requested: September 2, 2021

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Kathleen Rehberg, Field Manager, Humboldt River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Subject Title: Consideration and possible action re: Bureau of Land Management's notification of its Proposed Decision for the Range Improvement Permit to temporarily haul water in the Blue Wing/Seven Troughs Allotment requested by the C Punch Ranch.

Type of Action Requested: None; informational only.

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? No.

Recommend Board Action: None; informational only.

Discussion: The Bureau of Land Management provides notification of its Proposed Decision for the Range Improvement Permit to temporarily haul water in the Blue Wing/Seven Troughs Allotment requested by the C Punch Ranch. The permittee would like to haul water to multiple locations (see map provided) within their authorized use area of the allotment. The area 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 BLM's decision is to approve the permit of temporary water troughs at specific locations on the allotment. The troughs would be placed within the allotment in order to assist in distribution of livestock, particularly where livestock does not normally graze due to lack of water. In total, 11 water haul sites have been identified and one to two temporary troughs would be placed at each site for a maximum of 30 days, following consultation between the permittee and the Rangeland Management Specialist. Each site would be used once per year and would not be used in consecutive years. Water and water troughs would be hauled to each site using existing roads and would result in no new disturbance. This decision would allow for a yearly use of temporary water troughs and hauling, not to exceed 30 days per site per year, for a period of five years.

Alternatives: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

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Reviewed By: Jim R. Barbee, County Manager

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