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SECTION D: GRAZING

CARSON LAKE PASTURE, WILDLIFE/HUNTING HABITAT

The District will make every effort possible to preserve the marsh at Carson Lake Pasture for wildlife and waterfowl purposes which is subordinate to the primary Newlands Project purpose of the Carson Lake Pasture for grazing Project livestock.

An Advisory Board has been established to make recommendations for management and improvements to the District's Board of Directors who will have final determination in all matters. The Advisory Board shall consist of two members of the Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc., two members of the TCID Board, two pasture users and a representative from the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc., is to be allowed to use the clubhouse and Poacherville in exchange for management of the gate during hunting season. The Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc., will accept financial responsibility for all hunting permits leaving the District's office.

The marsh area will be self-supporting; any monies used from any other funds are to be repaid.

CARSON LAKE PASTURE GRAZING AREA

All Carson Lake Pasture grazing area applications, both Old and New users, must be filed with and received by the District annually **on or before March 1**. Fees for vaccine, insect control and for two (2) months grazing must accompany the application for both Old and New users.

The animal unit monthly rate for fees and insect control will be established at the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Board of Director's regular meeting in February of each year.

The following stock shall be included in the overall application and permit: cows, heifers, steers and bulls. Pasture users must supply one bull to each twenty-five (25) head of cows or fraction thereof entered in the pasture. No application will be accepted for less than one increment, i.e., 26 head.

Permits will be limited to the following:

1. Two head of paying stock per each water-right acre owned as recorded on Truckee-Carson Irrigation District records. Owner water users shall be given first priority in pasture.
2. One head of adult paying stock per water-right acre leased upon written proof of the lease for Truckee-Carson Irrigation District's records. Resident lessee water users shall be given second priority in pasture. All proof of ownership or lease of water-right lands shall be the responsibility of the applicant and not the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District. No user shall be allowed over 400 hundred (400) head of paying stock except at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The District's Board of Directors will review the applications at the regularly scheduled Board meeting in March. At that time, the Board will establish the number of cattle that the Carson Lake Pasture will be able to serve. The Board will also establish the number

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of cows, heifers, steers and bulls that will be accepted into the grazing area based upon the applications submitted and the condition of the grazing area. If insufficient applications are received and approved by the Board of Directors from Old Users to fill the pasture area to capacity, the balance of capacity shall be filled from New Users in the priority of New User depending upon availability in that particular category of stock. Permits will be awarded using the following definitions:

1. “Old User” - those who have used the grazing area for the past three years; and
2. “New User” - new user qualifies as an “Old User” when he has been in the pasture for three (3) consecutive years. In case the “New User” is held out of the pasture for one or more years by Board action due to a shortage of water, he will not lose his years of use already accumulated toward qualifying as an “Old User”. “New Users” are given priority amongst themselves based on the number of years they have been permitted in the pasture if not qualified as an “Old User” and then by the date “New User” continuously submitted applications.

Pasture areas usually open in the spring between April 1 and April 15. Proposed opening date will be set at the regular board meeting in March of each year and the pasture manager will have discretion to open as close to that date as feed allows. Permitted stock shall be entered in the grazing area by June 1 and each permittee shall be charged for permitted stock for a minimum of 120 days, if application is approved by the Board. Written notice will be sent to applicants of the action taken by the Board of Directors at the regular March Board meeting.

The permittee who must remove stock from the pasture because it is sick may:

1. Replace the sick animal; or
2. Re-enter the sick animal when it is well. However, the animal in question must be identified by the pasture manager as being “sick” before it is released to allow the permittee the above option.

All Cattle, including heifer calves over the age of six (6) months, prior to entry into a Truckee-Carson Irrigation District controlled grazing area must have been vaccinated for brucellosis. Results of tests are to be provided to the District pasture manager before stock is entered in the pasture area. Owner of such stock must also certify that the stock represented by the testing record is the same as that which is now being entered and that this stock was at no time allowed to commingle with any other stock following testing. (02/07/02)

All bulls shall be tested for trichomonas and receive a veterinarian certification showing the bulls are free of trichomonas prior to entering the pasture. The testing veterinarian will tattoo the bull’s ear at the time of the test with a number that corresponds with the paperwork. The certification and tattoo on the bull must match and will be presented to the Pasture Manager at entry. (2/7/01)

All paying cattle (all livestock 6 months or older whether weaned or not are considered paying cattle) entering the pasture must be branded with permittee’s brand as registered in the Nevada State brand book.

Pasture personnel will administer vaccine and oversee application of insecticide ear tags.

No branding or marking of cattle will be allowed after stock has been put in the pasture area, unless approved by and under the direction of the pasture manager. All paying cattle must be counted in and out by pasture personnel. Pasture personnel will be available Monday through Friday each week to receive or release stock; no stock will be

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received or released Saturdays or Sundays. Before riding in any of the pasture areas to check cattle, user must notify pasture personnel

In the event that there is insufficient feed in the area, "New Users" shall first be reduced proportionately. Should there still be insufficient feed to accommodate the "Old Users", then they will be cut proportionately. If a permittee does not fill his permit for any year, and does not pay the 120 days, the following year his permit will be reduced to that number of head actually entered in that prior year.

If permittee does not enter sufficient stock to fill his permit, he may retain the permit by paying grazing vaccination charges and insect control charges for a 120 day period on the entire permit, to be paid by November 15 of the current year. This privilege of retaining the permit by the paying of fees for the 120 day period shall pertain to one year only and must be followed by a season of actual use before the retention privileges can again be applied.

After being contacted by the pasture manager, the user shall bring his bulls within 15 days. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 per bull penalty and loss of pasture privilege for user's remaining cattle. Loss of pasture privilege will be reinstated only upon authority of the Board of Directors. Bulls must be acceptable to the pasture manager and full discretion as to bull scheduling will be given to him.

Bulls shall be removed within fifteen (15) days following notification by pasture manager. The 120-day requirement shall not apply to bulls. Bulls will be charged for only the number of days actually in the pasture, but in no case will it be less than 60 days. Final discretion as to bulls in and out of the pasture is granted to the pasture manager.

Pasture users will be notified immediately of any identifiable loss that is discovered by pasture personnel. Every effort shall be made by the pasture manager to identify all livestock. Any unidentified stock shall be sold through proper channels.

Any pasture user not assisting in gathering and working of stock as required by the pasture manager is to be fined \$1.00 per head of stock owned by that user in the pasture. Help required in gathering and working stock will be one man per 75 head or portion thereof to a maximum of three men.

Pasture bills must be paid before removal of livestock. Bills may be paid at the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District offices at 2666 Harrigan Road, twenty-four (24) hours before removal, or to the Pasture Manager the day of removal. No permanent pasture employees shall be allowed to run stock in the pastures.

Pasture areas shall be closed on November 15 and all stock must be removed by this date. Any livestock not so removed shall be gathered and sold. Specific days for removal of stock from the pasture areas may be set by the pasture manager and users so notified.

When a permittee sells the property, which supports his permit by virtue of water-right acreage requirements, the permit is terminated at the end of the grazing season then in effect. If title to the property changes as a result of an estate proceeding, the permit will be transferred to the heir(s), the intent being to maintain continuity of the farming operation. However, any further disposition of the property to the extent that it affects the status of the grazing permit must come before the Board of Directors for individual review.

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Failure to comply with any of the rules shall be reason for cancellation of permit.