

Attn: Boyd Hatch  
USFS  
Winnemucca, NV 89445

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Dear Boyd,

As I have mentioned frequently in past annual operating meetings, the Granite Peak Permit historically ran from May 10th to September 30th. Several years ago, due to heavy snow cover, the permittees turned on 10 days later. This late turn-on was implemented for 3 consecutive years. This prompted the active ranger to arbitrarily cancel those AUMS for those 10 days from the permit. Because late turn-on was requested by the permittees, not the USFS, he decided that those 10 days should be taken away permanently.

As a current Granite Peak Permittee, I want to see the actively available 868 AUMS utilized by reinstating those 10 days that were previously cancelled, rather than the AUMS being retired. The remainder of the AUMS should be pro-rated between the Granite Peak Permittees: Keystone Ranch and myself, Bar X Ranch, as we are responsible for maintaining the improvements on this allotment. This arrangement would also guarantee the flexibility for late grazing in the Fall season when necessary.

Thank you for taking this proposal into consideration.

Robert Buckingham

