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## **VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL**

Gunnison Ranger District Attn: Dayle Funka

https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//CommentInput?Project=64217

Re: North Valley Cattle & Horse Allotments #64217

Dear Ms. Funka:

I am writing on behalf of Jackson-Shaw / Taylor River Ranch, LLC ("JSTRR") and Wilder Association ("Wilder") to express these organizations' support for the Proposed Action in the North Valley Allotments Environmental Assessment with respect to the Almont Triangle.

JSTRR is the current holder of a term grazing permit for 50 head of cattle to graze on the Almont Triangle portion of the current Spring Creek Allotment, as well as the owner of adjacent grazing lands that serve as base property for this term grazing permit.

Wilder is the unit owners' association for the Wilder on the Taylor common interest community that is located adjacent to the Almont Triangle pasture. JSTRR's base property is within the Wilder on the Taylor common interest community.

Wilder and JSTRR support the separation of the Almont Triangle pasture into its own grazing allotment. Wilder and JSTRR also support the recommended 40 percent average utilization that is described in the Proposed Action.

Wilder and JSTRR support the 102 AUMs as recommended in the Proposed Action. Wilder and JSTRR would request, if feasible, that the permitted season of use be extended to more closely match the "latest off" date. Under current operations, the presence of poison early in the year on portions of the Almont Triangle have made it impracticable to get cattle into those areas in time to be grazed before the end of the season of use. Allowing a slightly extended season, even if the AUMs are not increased, would allow for more effective utilization of the range resource. But, in any event, Wilder and JSTRR support the Proposed Action and oppose the No Grazing Alternative.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Kendall K. Burgemeister LAW OF THE ROCKIES