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To: All Field Officials
From: Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center
Subject: Assistance from the National Applied Resource Sciences Center (NARSC) in Renewing Grazing Permits and Leases

Last September, we offered our assistance to you in completing the work you have to do to renew grazing permits and leases in a timely manner. We would like to remind you that we are prepared to offer technical expertise and assistance in accomplishing, or facilitating the accomplishment of, this work. As indicated in Information Bulletin No. RS-98-109, we can provide timely support in a variety of areas. Examples of some of these are:

- Assisting the Field Offices in extracting the historical authorized grazing use on allotments and other information from the data in GABS.
- Conducting literature searches.
- Making services available through existing contracts should Field Offices want to contract various aspects of the work, such as the preparation of EAs, etc.
- Providing soils inventory data that resides on data bases and in files that may not be available to Field Offices. This would include STATSGO data and some limited SURGO coverage.
- Providing GIS and remote sensing expertise focused on broad landscape as well as specific allotment needs.
- Searching records, including the State Heritage data bases, for information regarding Special Status plant and animal species that are known to exist, or are suspected to exist, on an

allotment, group of allotments, watershed, etc., and assess potential impacts of livestock grazing.

- Reprinting aerial photographs from the extensive film archive of photography of much of the public land administered by the BLM.
- Querying inventory data in the Inventory Data System (IDS).

Please contact NARSC as early as possible when you determine that it will be necessary and would be appropriate to request our assistance. If you have any questions or would like to request assistance, please call Allan Strobel (303-236-8859), Bill Krech (303-236-0150), or Mike Kirby (303-236-6491).

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