

**CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF GRAZING PREFERENCE**

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 76-16-406(2), the undersigned, Grant Munro, on behalf of Munro, LLC and its successors and assigns, as the current legal owner(s) of a portion of the dependent commensurate or commensurate property described as:

T 20N, R 22 E, Sec. 22 SE4, Sec. 23 S2N2, S2, Sec. 24 W2W2; and,

T 21 N, R 22 E, Sec. 26 S2, Sec. 35 All;

does hereby provide this written consent to the Indian Butte Cooperative State Grazing District ("District") to allow the transfer of "11 Preference (42 District furnished AUM's)" to other property of sufficient commensurability described as:

T 20 N, R 22 E, Sec. 26 SE4.

The transfer to which the undersigned is consenting to herein is set forth and described on Exhibit 2A attached hereto (*Notice of Time and Place for Hearing* on proposed transfer), which is incorporated by reference herein. This consent is intended to and shall be construed as conforming to and meeting all requirements set forth in Mont. Code Ann. § 76-16-406(2).

**By: Grant Munro**

*Both individually and on behalf of  
Munro, LLC*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*10/24/23*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Grant J. Munro*

Grant Munro

**CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF GRAZING PREFERENCE**

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 76-16-406(2), the undersigned, Mark Robbins and Deanna Robbins, both individually and as members/managers of Lonesome Ridge Ranch, LLC and their successors and assigns, as the current legal owner(s) of a portion of the dependent commensurate or commensurate property described as:



T 20N, R 22 E, Sec. 22 SE4, Sec. 23 S2N2, S2, Sec. 24 W2W2; and,

T 21 N, R 22 E, Sec. 26 S2, Sec. 35 All;

do hereby provide this written consent to the Indian Butte Cooperative State Grazing District (“District”) to transfer of “11 Preference (42 District furnished AUM’s)” to other property of sufficient commensurability described as:

T 20 N, R 22 E, Sec. 26 SE4.

The transfers to which the undersigned are consenting herein are set forth and described on Exhibit 2A attached hereto (*Application for Transfer of Grazing Preferences*), which is incorporated by reference herein. The consent provided herein is intended to and shall be construed as conforming to and meeting all requirements set forth in Mont. Code Ann. § 76-16-406(2).

<p><b>By: Mark Robbins</b> <i>Both individually and on behalf of Lonesome Ridge Ranch, LLC</i></p> <p>Date: <u>10.28.23</u></p> <p>Signed: <u></u> Mark Robbins</p>	<p><b>By: Deanna Robbins</b> <i>Both individually and on behalf of Lonesome Ridge Ranch, LLC</i></p> <p>Date: <u>10.28.23</u></p> <p>Signed: <u></u> Deanna Robbins</p>
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Hearing Before Indian Butte CSGD Board of Directors  
January 29, 2024

The Hearing was called to order by President Jeff Willmore. Members and guests present were Jeff Willmore, Sue Willmore, Cathy Whitney, Tracy Fink, Robert E. Fink, Attorney Peter Taylor from Lund Law Firm, representing Robert E. Fink, Phil Schuman, Kirk Donsbach, Mark Robbins and Deanna Robbins.

The purpose of this Hearing is to consider four Applications for Transfer of Grazing Preferences made by Robert E. Fink.

The Secretary made the following comments about the Robert E. Fink permit and preference. Robert E. Fink is a member in good standing of Indian Butte CSGD. He has received a grazing permit showing his preference from Indian Butte CSGD for the past five years. He has paid his grazing permits and has received dividends based on his preference for the past five years. This preference and permit has been in the Fink name for several decades and is on record with the grazing district secretary.

The Secretary read Fink application to transfer grazing preference # 1A. Proof of ownership of base property was requested by the Board. Deeds showing proof of ownership or control were provided to the Secretary. Also a real estate purchase contract between Robert E. Fink (seller) and Mark and Deanna Robbins, Lonesome Ridge Ranch LLC (purchaser) was provided to the Secretary.

The Secretary will send copies of all four Applications for Transfer and Resolutions to all interested parties. Kirk Donsbach asked if there are other interested

parties and there was no response.

These minutes find that these four transfers will not interfere with the stability of the livestock operations or with proper range management and will not affect adversely the established local economy, and said transfers do not affect any owner or encumbrancer whose consent is necessary hereto, except as herein stated.

Mark Robbins said the transfers will affect the control of livestock water in the West Indian Butte Common pasture. Indian Butte CSGD has water rights and development in West Indian Butte Common. Mark Robbins said Indian Butte CSGD does not control all of the water rights in West Indian Butte Common. Kirk Donsbach said if the livestock water is inadequate, Indian Butte CSGD can reduce livestock numbers to utilize less water. The reduction would be on equal percentage and apply to all West Indian Butte Common permittees. Deanna Robbins said the problem is distribution of water in order to use the pasture properly. Indian Butte can adjust livestock numbers, but can't control private water.

Kirk Donsbach asked to see the consents to transfer grazing preference signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins and signed by Grant Munro. Mark Robbins objects to the consent to transfer signed by Mark & Deanna Robbins. Peter Taylor asked how these transfers are different and why the consent to transfer is not valid. Deanna Robbins asked if



the Secretary had to accept new applications to transfer preference for this Hearing. The Secretary affirmed that was true. Peter Taylor said the legal descriptions were exactly the same as the previous transfer applications.

Deanna Robbins said these are new transfer applications. The Secretary previously contacted Attorney Bryant Martin to ask if we needed to send the consents to transfer back to Mark and Deanna Robbins. Bryant Martin called the Secretary and said the consents to transfer are still valid and don't need to be sent back to the Robbins. Mark Robbins objection only applies to the Mark and Deanna Robbins consent to transfer.

Peter Taylor said the consents to transfer are still valid. The previous Fink applications to transfer were denied by the MT Grass Conservation Commission because of procedural violations, not the substance or nature of the transfers.

Mark Robbins said these are new transfers and the Robbins consent to transfer does not apply to these new transfers.

Peter Taylor asked if Robbins had ever objected to the Fink permit in the past. Robbins have never received a permit for the Fink permit. Robbins have never received a non-use permit for the Fink permit.

Kirk Donsbach made a motion to approve the Fink application for Transfer of Grazing Preference #1A. based on facts and comments provided. Rod McClure seconded. Mark Robbins objected to the transfer

Based on the livestock water situation in West Indian Butte Common. Mark Robbins objected the validity of the consent to transfer signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins. Peter Taylor said that the livestock water situation in West Indian Butte Common is not specific to this transfer. It is an issue that pertains to all grazing permittees in West Indian Butte Common.

A vote was called for. Mark Robbins was asked to abstain from voting due to conflict of interest. The motion passed with four votes in favor and one abstained.

The Secretary presented Fink Application for Transfer of Grazing Preference ~~#2A~~ #1B. Kirk Donsbach made a motion to approve Application #1B based on comments and facts provided. Rod McClure seconded.

The same objections and comments that were stated for transfer #1A also apply to transfer ~~#2A~~ #1B.

A vote was called for. Mark Robbins abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. The motion passed with four in favor and one abstained.

The Secretary presented Fink Application for Transfer of Grazing Preference #2A. Kirk Donsbach made a motion to approve Application #2A based on comments and facts provided. Rod McClure seconded. The same objections and comments that were stated for transfer #1A also apply to transfer #2A.

A vote was called for. Mark Robbins was

asked to abstain from voting due to conflict of interest. The motion passed with 4 in favor and one abstained.

The Secretary presented Fink Application for Transfer of Grazing Preference #2B. Kirk Donsbach made a motion to approve Transfer #2B based on comments and facts provided. Rod McClure seconded. Peter Taylor made note that Robbins did not purchase the Fink grazing preference when they purchased land from Robert E. Fink. The same objections and comments that were stated for transfer #1A also apply to transfer #2B.

A vote was called for. Mark Robbins abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. The motion passed with four in favor and one abstained.

The Resolutions to transfer were signed and dated by President Jeff Willmore and Secretary Cathy Whitney. The Resolutions to transfer will be sent to the MT Grass Conservation Commission for their approval and will also be sent to all interested parties. Kirk Donsbach asked if there are other interested parties and there was no response.

Kirk Donsbach questioned whether Mark Robbins needed to abstain from voting on transfers #1B + #2B. Mark Robbins said if he needed to abstain from voting on transfers #1A and #2A, he wanted to abstain from voting on transfers #1B and #2B.

The Hearing was adjourned.

# REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT (FARM AND RANCH)

STATE OF Montana  
COUNTY OF Fergus

**1. PARTIES:** Robert Eli (Robin) Fink (Seller) agrees to sell and convey to Mark L. and Deanna M. Robbins, Lonesome Ridge Ranch LLC (Purchaser), and Purchaser agrees to buy from Seller the Property described below.

**2. PROPERTY:** The land, improvements, accessories and crops are collectively referred to as the "Property".

**A. LAND:** The land situated in Fergus, Montana [county, state], described as follows:

**S35, T21 N, R22 E, S/2 – 320 acres,  
S34, T21 N, R22 E, S/2 – 320 acres,  
S01, T20 N, R22 E, LOT 4 – 21 acres,  
S03, T20 N, R22 E, S/2 – 320 acres,  
(Total 981 acres)**

Together with all rights, privileges, and appurtenances pertaining thereto, including but not limited to: water rights, mineral rights, claims, permits, easements, and cooperative or association memberships.

As part of this contract, Seller agrees that Buyer will have right of first refusal on all grazing AUM's in West Indian Butte Common pasture currently owned by Seller.

**B. IMPROVEMENTS:**

**FARM and RANCH IMPROVEMENTS:** The following permanently installed and built-in items, if any: windmills, tanks, barns, pens, fences, gates, sheds, buildings, outbuildings, and corrals.

**C. CROPS:**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Seller has the right to harvest all growing crops until delivery of possession of the Property.

**3. PURCHASE PRICE:**

A. Land: (981 acres as described in above in 2. A)

\$550,000.00



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**4. EARNEST MONEY:** Upon execution of this contract by both parties, Purchaser shall deposit \$ 2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars) as earnest money with Realty Title Company, Lewistown, MT, as escrow agent, at 201 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to be applied at closing. If Purchaser fails to deposit the earnest money as required by this contract, Purchaser will be in default.

**5. FINANCING:** This contract will terminate and the earnest money will be refunded to Purchaser. [Check one item only:]

(1) This contract is subject to Purchaser being approved for the financing.

(2) This contract is not subject to Purchaser being approved for financing.

### 6. TITLE POLICY AND SURVEY:

**A. TITLE POLICY:** Seller shall furnish to Purchaser at Seller's expense an owner policy of title insurance (Title Policy) issued by: Realty Title Company, Lewistown, MT (Title Company) in the amount of the Sales Price, dated at or after closing, insuring Purchaser against loss under the provisions of the Title Policy.

**B. COMMITMENT:** Within 20 days after the Title Company receives a copy of this contract, Seller shall furnish to Purchaser a commitment for title insurance (Commitment) and, at Purchaser's expense, legible copies of restrictive covenants and documents evidencing exceptions in the Commitment (Exception Documents) other than the standard printed exceptions. Seller authorizes the Title Company to mail or hand deliver the Commitment and Exception Documents to Purchaser at Purchaser's address shown in Paragraph 21. If the Commitment and Exception Documents are not delivered to Purchaser within the specified time, the time for delivery will be automatically extended up to 15 days or the Closing Date, whichever is earlier.

**D. GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS:** The Property is subject to the government programs listed below or on the attached exhibit:

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Seller shall provide Purchaser with copies of all governmental program agreements. Any allocation or proration of payment under governmental programs is made by separate agreement between the parties which will survive closing.

### 7. CLOSING:

**A.** The closing of the sale will be on or before **December 31, 2019** or within 7 days after objections to matters disclosed in the Commitment or by the survey have been cured, whichever date is later (Closing Date). If either party fails to close the sale by the Closing Date, the non-defaulting party may exercise the remedies contained in Paragraph 15.

**B. At closing:**

(1) Seller shall execute and deliver a general warranty deed conveying title to the Property to Purchaser and showing no additional exceptions to those permitted in Paragraph 6, an assignment of Leases, and furnish tax statements or certificates showing no delinquent taxes on the Property.

(2) Purchaser shall pay the Sales Price in good funds acceptable to the escrow agent.

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(3) Seller and Purchaser shall execute and deliver any notices, statements, certificates, affidavits, releases, loan documents and other documents required of them by this contract, the Commitment or law necessary for the closing of the sale and the issuance of the Title Policy.

C. All covenants, representations and warranties in this contract survive closing.

**8. POSSESSION:** Seller shall deliver to Purchaser possession of the Property in its present or required condition upon closing.

### 9. SETTLEMENT AND OTHER EXPENSES:

A. The following expenses must be paid at or prior to closing:

(1) Expenses payable by Seller (Seller's Expenses):

(a) Releases of existing liens, including prepayment penalties and recording fees; release of Seller's loan liability; tax statements or certificates; preparation of deed; one-half of escrow fee; and other expenses payable by Seller under this contract.

(2) Expenses payable by Purchaser (Purchaser's Expenses):

(a) Loan origination, discount, buy-down, and commitment fees (Loan Fees).

(b) Appraisal fees; loan application fees; credit reports; preparation of loan documents; interest on the notes from date of disbursement to one month prior to dates of first monthly payments; recording fees; copies of easements and restrictions; mortgagee title policy with endorsements required by lender; loan-related inspection fees; photos, amortization schedules, one-half of escrow fee; all prepaid items, including required premiums for flood and hazard insurance, reserve deposits for insurance, ad valorem taxes and special governmental assessments; final compliance inspection; courier fee, repair inspection, underwriting fee and wire transfer, expenses incident to any loan, and other expenses payable by Purchaser under this contract.

### 10. PRORATIONS AND ROLLBACK TAXES:

A. **PRORATIONS:** Taxes for the current year, interest, maintenance fees, assessments, dues and rents will be prorated through the Closing Date. If taxes for the current year vary from the amount prorated at closing, the parties shall adjust the proration when tax statements for the current year are available. If taxes are not paid at or prior to closing, Purchaser shall pay taxes for the current year. Rentals which are unknown at time of closing will be prorated between Purchaser and Seller when they become known.

B. **ROLLBACK TAXES:** If this sale or Purchaser's use of the Property after closing results in the assessment of additional taxes, penalties or interest (Assessments) for periods prior to closing, the Assessments will be the obligation of Purchaser. If Seller's change in use of the Property prior to closing or denial of a special use valuation on the Property claimed by Seller results in Assessments for periods prior to closing, the Assessments will be the obligation of Seller. Obligations imposed by this paragraph will survive closing.

**11. DEFAULT:** If Purchaser fails to comply with this contract, Purchaser will be in default, and Seller may (a) enforce specific performance, seek such other relief as may be provided by law, or both, or (b) terminate this contract and receive the earnest money as liquidated damages, thereby releasing both parties from this contract. If, due to factors beyond Seller's control, Seller fails within the time allowed to make any non-casualty repairs or deliver the Commitment, or survey, if required of Seller, Purchaser may (a) extend the time for performance up to 15 days and the Closing Date will be extended as necessary or

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(b) terminate this contract as the sole remedy and receive the earnest money. If Seller fails to comply with this contract for any other reason, Seller will be in default and Purchaser may (a) enforce specific performance, seek such other relief as may be provided by law, or both, or (b) terminate this contract and receive the earnest money, thereby releasing both parties from this contract.

**12. MEDIATION:** Any dispute between Seller and Purchaser related to this contract which is not resolved through informal discussion [*check one:*] \_\_\_ will X will not be submitted to a mutually acceptable mediation service or provider. The parties to the mediation shall bear the mediation costs equally. This paragraph does not preclude a party from seeking equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

**13. ATTORNEY'S FEES:** The prevailing party in any legal proceeding related to this contract is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of such proceeding incurred by the prevailing party.

**14. ESCROW:** The escrow agent is not (a) a party to this contract and does not have liability for the performance or nonperformance of any party to this contract, (b) liable for interest on the earnest money and (c) liable for the loss of any earnest money caused by the failure of any financial institution in which the earnest money has been deposited unless the financial institution is acting as escrow agent. At closing, the earnest money must be applied first to any cash down payment, then to Purchaser's Expenses and any excess refunded to Purchaser. If both parties make written demand for the earnest money, escrow agent may require payment of unpaid expenses incurred on behalf of the parties and a written release of liability of escrow agent from all parties. If one party makes written demand for the earnest money, escrow agent shall give notice of the demand by providing to the other party a copy of the demand. If escrow agent does not receive written objection to the demand from the other party within 30 days after notice to the other party, escrow agent may disburse the earnest money to the party making demand reduced by the amount of unpaid expenses incurred on behalf of the party receiving the earnest money and escrow agent may pay the same to the creditors. If escrow agent complies with the provisions of this paragraph, each party hereby releases escrow agent from all adverse claims related to the disbursement of the earnest money. Escrow agent's notice to the other party will be effective when deposited in the U. S. Mail, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the other party at such party's address shown below. Notice of objection to the demand will be deemed effective upon receipt by escrow agent.

**15. REPRESENTATIONS:** Seller represents that as of the Closing Date (a) there will be no liens, assessments, or security interests against the Property which will not be satisfied out of the sales proceeds unless securing payment of any loans assumed by Purchaser and (b) assumed loans will not be in default. If any representation of Seller in this contract is untrue on the Closing Date, Purchaser may terminate this contract and the earnest money will be refunded to Purchaser.

**16. NOTICES:** All notices from one party to the other must be in writing and are effective when mailed to, hand-delivered at, or transmitted by facsimile as follows:

**To Purchaser at:**

P.O. Box 247  
Roy, MT 59471

Telephone: (406) 464-2281

**To Seller at:**

P.O. Box 195  
Roy, MT 59471

Telephone: (406) 464-2177

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**17. BUYERS COMMITMENT:** I/We agree to purchase the above-described Property on terms and conditions set forth in the above offer and grant to Seller until December 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to provide written acceptance. If Seller has not accepted by the time specified, this offer is automatically withdrawn.

**18. SELLERS COMMITMENT:** I/We agree to sell and convey to Buyer the above-described Property on the terms and conditions herein above stated.

**18. AGREEMENT OF PARTIES:** This contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and cannot be changed except by their written agreement.

EXECUTED the 25 day of November, 2019 (EFFECTIVE DATE).

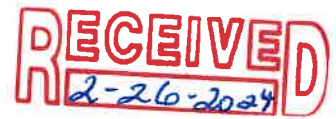
Mark L. Roblin  
Purchaser

Robert E. Fink  
Seller

Deanna M. Roblin  
Purchaser

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Seller





Mark and Deanna Robbins  
Lonesome Ridge Ranch LLC  
PO Box 247  
Roy, MT 59471

February 4, 2024

Indian Butte Cooperative State Grazing District  
Cathy Whitney, Secretary Treasurer  
73530 Hwy 191 N  
Roy, MT 59471

**RE: Robert E. Fink application for transfer**

Robert E. Fink is requesting to transfer preferences (210 BLM AUM's, 132 District furnished AUM's) from the original base property dating back more than 70 years, to a new property and owner. We submit the following as a formal objection.

The original base property was apparently 2400 acres offered by LeRoy Umstead. We know that Robert (Bob) Fink purchased the Umstead property, but also owned adjacent land. In 2007 Mark and Deanna Robbins purchased the north half of S35 and south half of S26, T21N R22E from Bob Fink. Bob never volunteered that this was part of his base property. At the time of purchase a lease was entered into for an exchange of grazing, and Bob kept grazing all but 160 acres of the 640 acres. Bob gave the Robbins's a Right of First Refusal on the rest of his holdings in that area, should his family one day decide to sell. Bob Fink passed away in 2013, and Robert E. "Robin" Fink inherited half interest in the ranch and began operating it. The lease was binding on the heirs and assigns, so things continued as they were.

However, in late 2019 Robin Fink sold Mark and Deanna Robbins the remainder of the land he owned in T21 N R22E, 320 acres of which we have learned were also part of the original base property. At that point Robbins's unwittingly owned 960 acres of the original 2400 acre base property that the grazing preference was attached to. We received a Right of First Refusal from Robin Fink for the preference he owned in West Indian Butte Common. It simply read "***all grazing AUM's in West Indian Butte Common pasture currently owned by Seller.***"

Robin Fink apparently did not complete a transfer of the preference prior to selling to us and making the lease void, even though he acknowledged at an Indian Butte CSGD board meeting that he received the transfer application from the district secretary, but that he simply put it in his file box and didn't submit it. However, BLM and Indian Butte CSGD continued to issue Robin Fink the permit with no notice to Robbins's, so we remained unaware that there was preference that ran with our land.

Just recently attorneys for Indian Butte CSGD and Fink advised that the preference was indeed with the land we had purchased, and a consent to transfer could be provided to Fink for him to

keep it. We did sign a consent to transfer specific to that application, which was denied by the Montana Grass Conservation Commission.

On January 29, 2024, Indian Butte CSGD held a board meeting to consider new applications submitted by Robin Fink for transfer. An attempt is being made to include the consent to transfer form we signed for the previous application as requested by Fink's attorney. We have objected to this. Our basis for the objection is that the application was denied and died, and any new process should require all new documents, just as it required a new application.

We object to any action approving this transfer request. If the Montana Grass Conservation Commission denies our above objection, we continue to object on a separate foundation.

Bob Fink had developed a well, tanks, and pipelines that watered much of the west half of the West Indian Butte Common Allotment, where no other water was available. The common is a large area of over 17,000 acres, with steep coulees and ridges. Water dispersion is absolutely critical to proper use of the allotment. In late 2019 when Robin Fink sold Mark and Deanna Robbins the remainder of the land owned in T21 N R22E, the purchase included all of the water rights and appurtenances.

In support of our objection that this will interfere with the stability of the livestock operations and proper range management, eight of the twelve tanks that water the west side of the common allotment are served by our private wells. One more tank sits on our fee title land and is sourced from a shared well with the District. (see attached map) We have continued to provide water for no compensation to the current permittees in West Indian Butte Common because we have a mutually beneficial relationship with those neighbors. We do not have that same incentive with a new permittee. If the transfer is approved we will not continue providing the valuable resources of water that we have been, especially when our cattle are not in the pasture.

The most recent BLM Resource Management Plan cited concern for damage to the creek drainage in the common allotment. BLM met with permittees and discussed reducing AUM's to mitigate the damage they believed was occurring, and suggested we ride every day to push cows off of the creek to avoid that. That was not very feasible so in response, at our own expense, we extended waterlines and placed tanks on our fee title land in the allotment away from the creek to try to keep cows on the tops of the ridges. This effort has been generally successful in reducing the number of cattle on Armells Creek. Reducing the available water will significantly change the use of the allotment and likely exacerbate the situation BLM was concerned about, affecting all current permittees in the common. This is not just any federal grazing allotment; it lies within the executive boundaries of the Upper Missouri River National Monument and Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. We know from experience that it can take years to authorize waterlines across Monument designated land.

Robin Fink signed applications stating that such transfer will not interfere with the stability of the livestock operations or with range management, and does not effect (sic) any owner or encumbrancer whose consent is necessary hereto. Fink would know this was false. By separating the preference from the water that was being privately furnished specifically to serve that preference, range management is most certainly a concern, as is the stability of the livestock

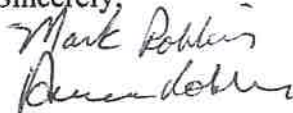
operations currently in the common pasture.

What this comes down to is the role that Indian Butte CSGD, Bureau of Land Management, and the Montana Grass Conservation Commission are tasked with, which is that transfers may not interfere with the stability of livestock operations or with proper range management. Any transfer can be appealed to the MGCC on that basis. The CSGD also has the power to revoke preference when there has been a failure to properly secure them.

Approving this transfer would clearly threaten adequate water in the allotment, the proper use of the range, and jeopardize AUM's for current permittees in the common pasture. All this would be contrary to the charge of maintaining the stability of livestock operations and proper range management. It may or may not be relevant to note that we also own in fee title approximately 980 acres within the West Indian Butte common allotment that provide self-furnished AUM's administered by BLM/Indian Butte.

Mark and Deanna Robbins, representing Lonesome Ridge Ranch LLC, therefore object to any action approving this transfer request. It is rife with problems. We didn't create this mess and it's not within our power to make it right. Approving the transfer would throw the common allotment into chaos in terms of water availability and proper range management.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Mark Robbins and Deanna Robbins in cursive ink.

Mark and Deanna Robbins  
Lonesome Ridge Ranch LLC

CC: Montana Grass Conservation Commission ✓  
Jonathan Champion, Lewistown Field Office, BLM  
Peter Taylor, Lund Law



■ Robbins' deeded  
■ Tanks off Robbins' water or rights

