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Dear Sandra:

We have discovered a discrepancy regarding the Forest Plan and the classification of the proper DFC as they relate to some of the resorts here on the District. Currently the Forest Plan identifies that privately owned facilities would generally be classified under the DFC of 9B (Special Use Recreation Areas). We have learned that two resorts (the Turpin Meadow Ranch and Heart Six Ranch) were not included in the DFC 9B classification. We can only assume that this occurred as a result of a clerical omission.

It is our intent with your approval, to correct this error by documenting through this letter, the following justification to initiate the correction.

The Forest Plan for Management Area 61 - Blackrock, identifies that there are 200 acres for DFC 9B. The actual acreage for DFC 9B in this management area is 178.56 acres, indicating a mismatch between what actually exists and what is indicated within the Forest Plan.

There are other typographical errors that were noted. These include omission of campground symbols for existing facilities, including Turpin Meadow, Box. Cr., and Pacific Cr. Campgrounds. In addition, the Turpin Meadow Campground was not identified under the typical DFC of 9A (Developed and Administrative Sites) for such a facility, but resides instead in DFC 3 (River Recreation). The classification of Turpin Campground in DFC 3 is not in question as the DFC does allow for this type of development, but all other campgrounds and developed sites are identified under DFC 9A.

The current permit term on these two resorts is 20 years. A review of other similar resorts with the same type of term permits are shown under the DFC of 9B within the Forest Plan, the exception being the two omitted here on the District.

It should be noted that both the Turpin Meadow Ranch and Heart Six Ranch have been operating under a special use permit with the Forest Service since the 1930's and in existence long before the current Forest Plan. In review of the Forest Plan and the accompanying EIS, no indication was found supporting a phasing out of these type of permits, leading us to think that classification under DFC 9B would be appropriate for these two developments.

The Turpin Meadow Ranch has a current permit boundary of approximately 38 acres and resides in DFC 3, while the Heart Six Ranch has a current permit boundary of approximately 28 acres and resides in DFC 12. A correction to the Forest Plan would then add approximately 66 acres under the DFC 9B in Management Area 61 and decrease the acreage under DFC's 3 and 12 accordingly.

We are confident that the misclassification of these resorts was the simple result of a clerical error and should be corrected to ensure that future management efforts are in line with the appropriate DFC of 9B. We hope that you concur.

If you have any additional questions regarding this issue, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

William T. Bass

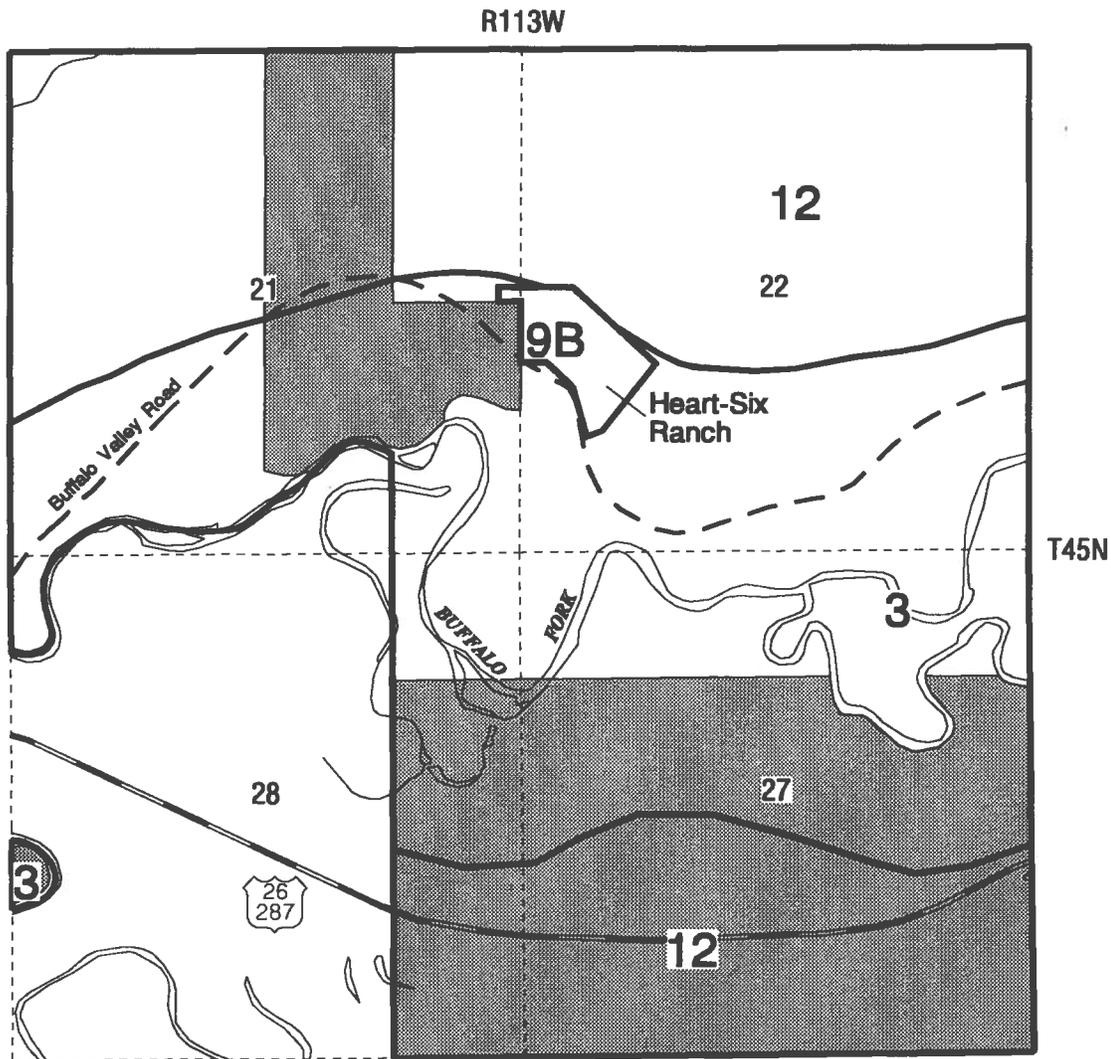
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**HEART-SIX RANCH
DFC 9B CORRECTION
MANAGEMENT AREA 61
BTNF LMP**

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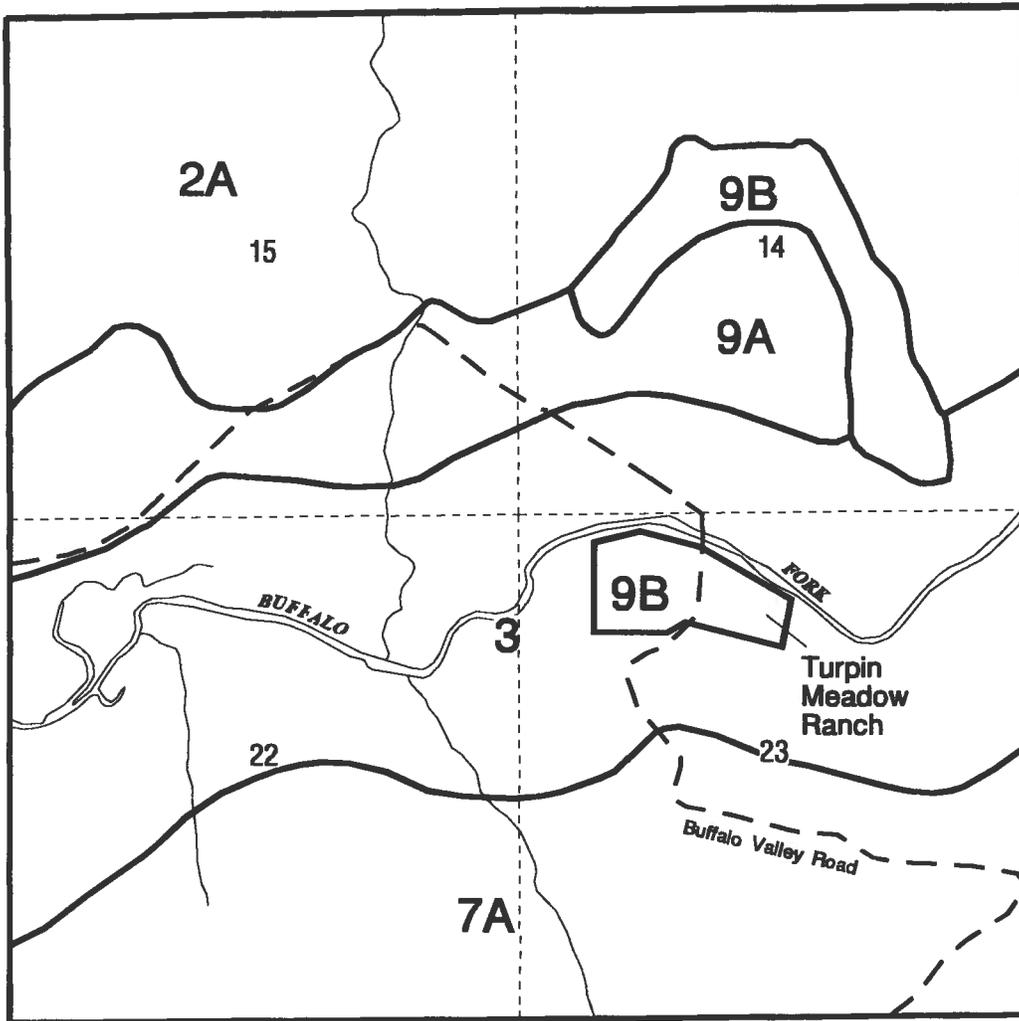
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**TURPIN MEADOW RANCH
DFC 9B CORRECTION
MANAGEMENT AREA 61
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