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PUBLIC CONSULTATION TRANSFER OF GRAZING PREFERENCE FOR THE ROMANO ALLOTMENT

Dear Interested Public:

Grazing preferences for the Romano Allotment are currently held by General Moly, Inc. They have recently entered into agreements with Roy and Mary Risi and Bobby R. Peek. Roy and Mary Risi acquired a portion of the AUMs associated with the Romano Allotment and submitted an application to transfer the grazing preference along with an application for a ten year term grazing permit for a portion of the Romano Allotment (see attached Map 1) on May 31st, 2007. That portion of the Romano Allotment to which the Risi's have applied for includes the Valley Pasture and a portion of the Whistler Pasture. They have entered into a rangeline agreement stating the Risi's will utilize the southern portion of the pasture (see attached Map 2). The Risi's have applied to transfer the preference to the base property that they own within the Lucky C Allotment which borders the southwest portion of the Romano Allotment (see attached Map 1).

Bobby R. Peek has leased the base property and remaining AUMs associated with General Moly, Inc.'s base property for an indefinite period of time. He submitted an application to transfer the grazing preference along with an application for a ten year term grazing permit for a portion of the Romano Allotment on May 27th, 2008. That portion of the Romano Allotment to which Mr. Peek has applied includes the north portion of the Whistler Pasture established through a rangeline agreement between General Moly, Inc. and Roy and Mary Risi (see attached Map 2) along with all other pastures excluding the Valley Pasture.

The Romano Allotment is approximately 10 miles north of the town of Eureka, Nevada, and runs for approximately 15 miles to the north along State Hwy 278 on the east and west side (see attached Map 1). The grazing preference for the Romano Allotment would be transferred to the Risi's and Mr. Peek with no changes to the existing preference and Terms & Conditions that were established in the Fish Creek Complex Final Multiple Use Decision dated September 27th, 2004 (a copy of the final decision can be requested at the above address).

Through this transfer, the following grazing preference along with terms and conditions would be specified on the grazing permit to be issued to Mr. and Mrs. Risi:

Romano Allotment (Risi)

Allotment	Pasture	Season of Use	Kind	AUM's
Romano	Whistler (From Rangeline Agreement South)	7/1-12/31	Cattle	219
	Valley	10/1-12/31	Cattle	623

Terms & Conditions:

1. Grazing use shall be in accordance with the Romano portion of the Fish Creek Complex Final Multiple Use Decision date September 27, 2004.

Romano Allotment (Peek)

Allotment	Pasture	Season of Use	Kind	AUM's
Romano	Whistler (From Rangeline Agreement North)	7/1-12/31	Cattle	437
	Home Seeding	5/1-12/31	Cattle	220
	Sullivan Seeding	5/1-12/31	Cattle	233
	Home Native	7/1-12/31	Cattle	132
	Mulligan	5/1-12/31	Cattle	400
	Mount Hope	7/1-12/31	Cattle	410
	7 th Street	5/1-12/31	Cattle	80
	North Field	10/1-12/31	Cattle	33
	Mud Field	10/1-12/31	Cattle	623

Terms & Conditions:

1. Grazing use shall be in accordance with the Romano portion of the Fish Creek Complex Final Multiple Use Decision date September 27, 2004.

Administrative Terms & Conditions in Common to Both Permittees

1. In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.8-1(F): Failure to pay grazing bills within 15 days of the due date specified in the bill shall result in a late fee assessment of \$25.00 or 10

percent of the grazing bill, whichever is greater, but no to exceed \$250.00. Payment made later than 15 days after the due date, shall include the appropriate late fee assessment. Failure to make payment within 30 days may be a violation of 43 CFR Sec. 4140.1 (B) (1) and shall result in action by the authorized officer under 43 CFR Secs. 4150.1 and 4160.1-2

2. In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2(D): Actual use information for each pasture will be submitted to the authorized officer within 15 days of completing grazing use as specified on the grazing permit and/or grazing licenses.
3. In accordance with 43 CFR 4120.3-1(A): All range improvements shall be installed, used, maintained, and/or modified on the public lands, or removed from these lands, in a manner consistent with multiple-use management.
4. In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2(C): In order to improve livestock and rangeland management on the public lands, all salt and/or mineral supplements will not be placed within ¼ mile of any riparian area, wet meadow, or watering facility (either permanent or temporary) unless stipulated through a written agreement or decision.
5. In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-2(H): All grazing permittees shall provide reasonable access across private and/or leased lands to the Bureau of Land Management for the orderly management and protection of the public lands.
6. In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-3: The authorized officer may modify terms and conditions of the permit or lease when the active use or related management plan are not meeting the Land Use Plan, Allotment Management Plan or other activity plan, or provisions of subpart 4180 RAC Standards and Guidelines.
7. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(G): The holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (as defined at 43 CFR 10.2). Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(C) and (D), you must stop activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and protect it from your activities for 30 days or until notified by the authorized officer.
8. In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.3-1(B): All permits and leases shall be made subject to cancellation, suspension, or modification for any violation of these regulations or of any term or condition of the permit or lease.

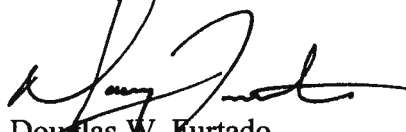
Before a transfer can be completed and a new term grazing permit issued, the Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) is required to consult, cooperate, and coordinate with interested public and comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA) will be completed for the issuance of a new term permit. The DNA will be tiered to the Fish Creek Complex Evaluation and Rangeland

Health Assessment Environmental Assessment NV062-EA04-69. The Fish Creek Complex Evaluation and Rangeland Health Assessment Environmental Assessment analyzed impacts of the grazing management decision which was proposed and finalized in 2004. Following the comment period, a proposed grazing decision that would authorize a ten-year grazing permit will be issued in accordance with 43 CFR 4160. The transfer must be approved and a grazing permit would be issued prior to livestock turnout.

In accordance with 43 CFR 4130.2(b), the interested public is being asked to provide written comments within 15 days of the date of this letter. Following the comment period, the authorized officer will consider any comments that are received prior to the issuance of a proposed grazing decision for the transfer and authorization of a new term permit to Mr. Snow.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Darrington, Rangeland Management Specialist at (775) 635-4058. If you would prefer to discuss this matter in person, please call to set up an appointment so that we may respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Douglas W. Furtado
Field Manager
Mount Lewis Field Office

Enclosures

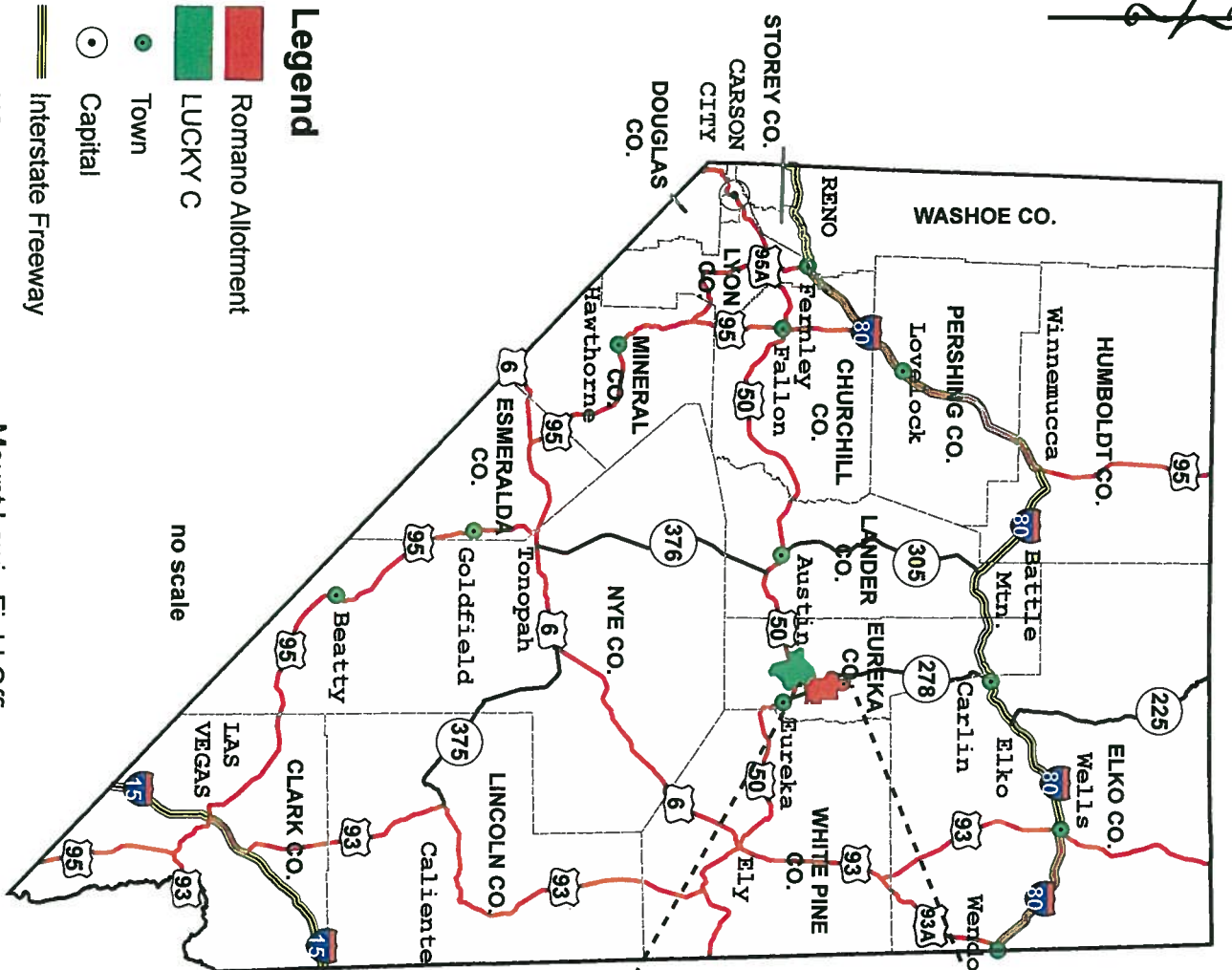
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Interested Publics:

American Horse Protection Assoc.
Animal Welfare Institute, c/o D.J. Schubert
Center for Biological Diversity, c/o Rob Mrowka
Center for Biological Diversity, c/o Paul J. Spitler
Eureka County Commissioners
Eureka County Dept. of Natural Resources, c/o Jim Baumann
Eureka County Dept. of Natural Resources, c/o Ken Conley
Eureka County Dept. of Natural Resources, c/o Leo Damele
Eureka County Dept. of Natural Resources, c/o John Overton
Eureka County Dept. of Natural Resources, c/o Judy Overton
Eureka County Dept. of Natural Resources, c/o Carl Slagowski
Eureka County Dept. of Natural Resources, c/o Jerry Todd
Eureka Livestock, c/o Jim Etcheverry
General Moly, Inc., c/o Michael K. Branstetter
National Mustang Association
Nevada Cattlemens Association, c/o Meghan Wereley
Nevada Commission for Preservation of Wild Horses, c/o Cathy Barcomb
Nevada Department of Wildlife, c/o Mike Podborny
Nevada Department of Wildlife, c/o Dave Pulliam, Habitat Chief
Nevada Department of Wildlife Eastern Region, c/o Steve Foree
Nevada Dept of Agriculture, c/o Jim Connelley, State Brand Inspector
Nevada State Clearing House, c/o Krista Coulter
Sustainable Grazing Coalition, c/o Richard A. Orr
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Western Watersheds Project, c/o Katie Fite, Biodiversity Director
Wild Horse Spirit, Ltd, c/o Bobbi Royale
Wild Horses Organized Assistance, c/o Dawn Lappin
Yomba Shoshone Tribe, c/o Teresa M. Beck
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“ATTACHMENTS”

Map 1: Romano Allotment



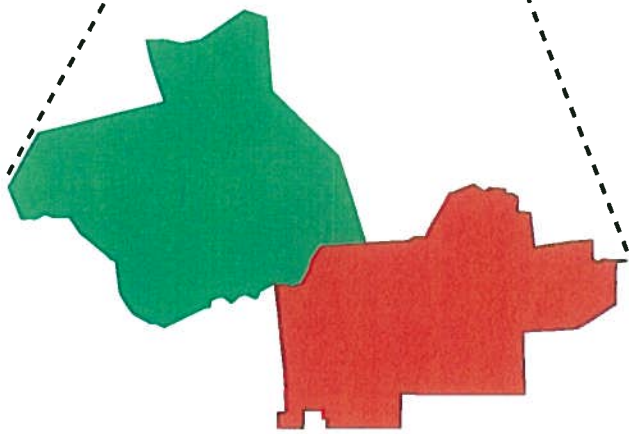
Legend

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- LUCKY C
- Town
- Capital
- Interstate Freeway
- US Highway
- State Route

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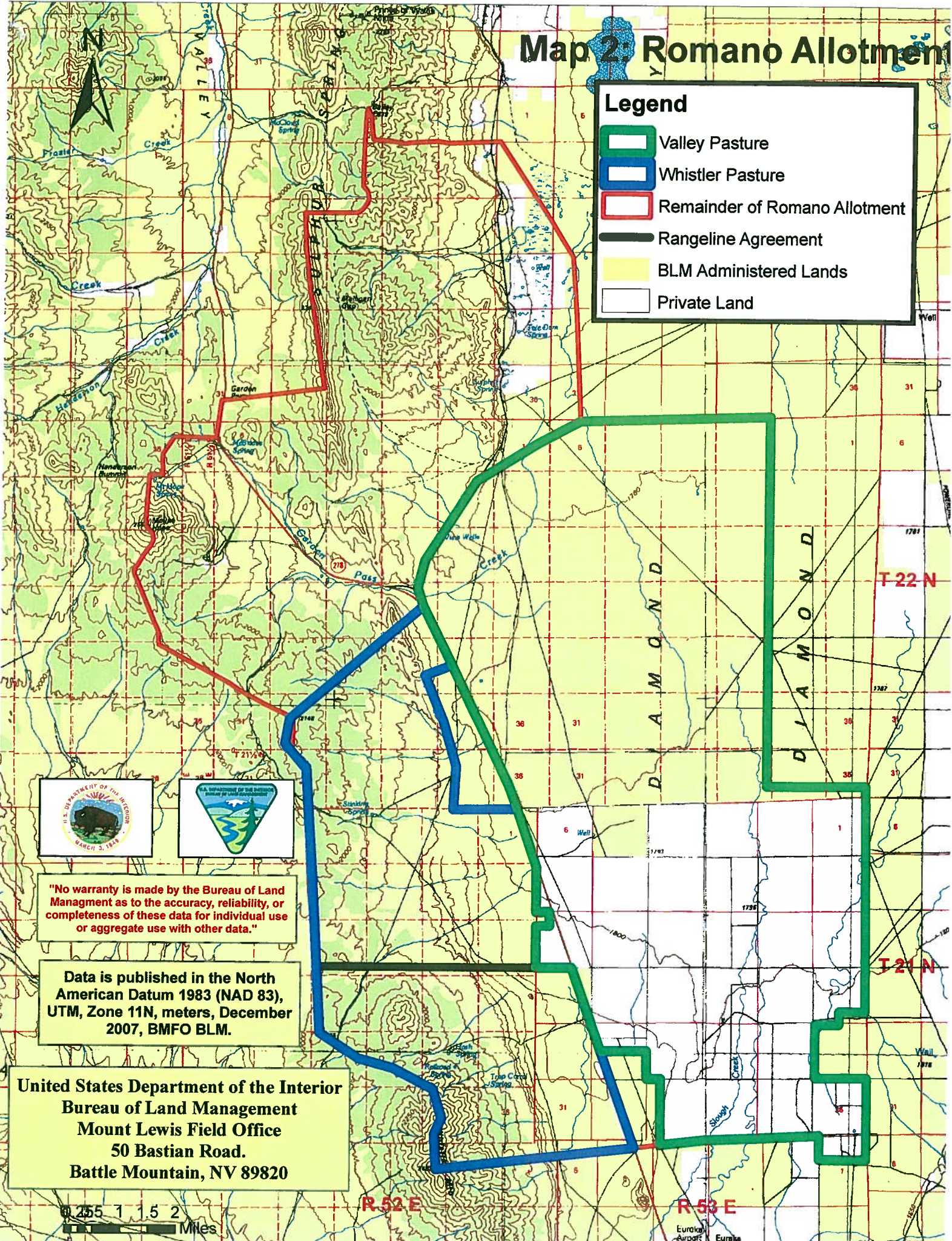
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Map 2: Romano Allotment

Legend

-  Valley Pasture
-  Whistler Pasture
-  Remainder of Romano Allotment
-  Rangeline Agreement
-  BLM Administered Lands
-  Private Land



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