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Dear Interested Party:

The Walker Resource Area is proposing two cattle grazing permit actions in the Belleville Allotment. The first proposal is to issue a grazing permit (10-year) to Marjorie, James, and Robert McKay which would continue the grazing use authorization in the same manner and degree as was previously authorized to Mervin McKay (650 Animal-Unit-Months of Fall/Winter/Spring grazing which normally occurs sometime during the period 11/1 through 4/15). The second proposal is to issue annual non-renewable grazing permits, for annually determined amounts and dates within the same time period as the McKay permit, to one or more Carson City District permittees. Tony and Jerrie Tipton have been authorized such non-renewable grazing during two of the past three seasons.

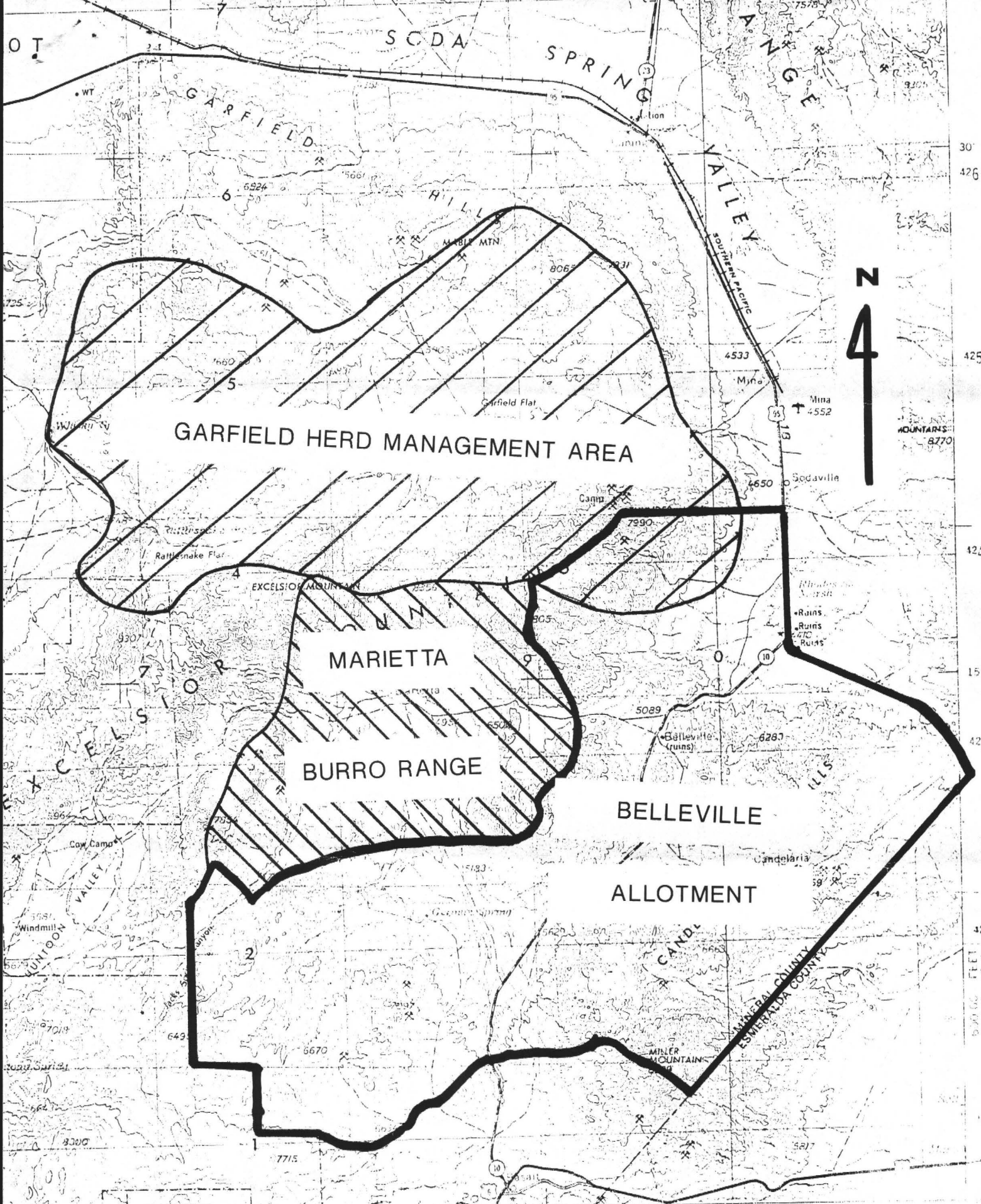
The Belleville Allotment, which was created by combining the former Candelaria Allotment with the remaining portion of the Marietta Allotment following formation of the Marietta National Burro Range, is approximately 160,000 acres in size and lies south of the town of Mina and along both sides of State Highway 10. The McKays are the permittees in the Belleville Allotment but have been using only a small portion of the forage. The Tiptons used 911 AUMs forage on a non-renewable authorization in the allotment in 1993 and 541 AUMs in 1995, controlling the animal distribution with hauled water and with mineral and protein supplements. Trend studies show quite satisfactory results in an improving health of the land.

The 1956 range survey shows that approximately 2300 AUMs of forage are produced outside the area normally grazed by the McKay livestock, but since this survey is 40 years old we will monitor forage use and utilization by the livestock, Marietta burros, and wildlife along with actual use information for a period of five more years to update carrying capacity information for the allotment. If you have data, information, or concerns pertaining to Belleville Allotment livestock grazing, please provide your information prior to January 20, 1996. We will consider all available information in making a decision on the issuance of grazing permits.

Sincerely,

John Matthiessen
Area Manager
Walker Resource Area

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GARFIELD HERD MANAGEMENT AREA

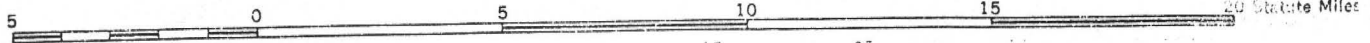
MARIETTA

BURRO RANGE

BELLEVILLE

ALLOTMENT

Scale 1:250,000



30'
426
425
424
15
423
422
300'



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Subject: Belleville Allotment

Dear Mr. Matthiessen:

Thank you for consulting the Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses concerning the proposed issuances of grazing permits for the Belleville Allotment. Information provided by your notification is quite limited. The Walker Resource Management Plan makes no reference to the Belleville Allotment.

It appears that the allotment was created since the land use plan and some range land monitoring data have been collected. The Marrietta Allotment is an "I" category that was to receive priority monitoring, planning and projects. We would suggest using current data to determine if the proposed decisions are consistent with land use plan objectives for Marrietta burros, Montgomery Pass and Garfield Flat wild horse herds.

Since the allotment is a winter use area for livestock, specific criteria for new permits or temporary non-renewable use could be developed and supported by an environmental assessment. Use of all available data could better support the proposed decision versus the 1956 range survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Barcomb".

CATHERINE BARCOMB
Executive Director