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December 21, 1999

Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management Carson City Field Office is considering the following proposed actions within the Churchill Canyon Grazing Allotment: 1) Increasing the permitted Animal Unit Months (AUMs) for livestock use; 2) Extending the grazing season 15 days; 3) Construction of approximately 6 miles of pasture fence along with the associated cattle guards and gates; 4) Construction of a 1/2 Acre Corral; 5) Construction of a 2 Acre Water Reaper; 6) Construction of one water trough; 7) Closure of approximately 1/2 mile of unimproved road which bisects a meadow (An alternate improved access has been provided reference EA-NV-030-99-030); and 8) Use of 25 areas within the allotment for temporary water haul and/or mineral supplement areas.

A record of decision dated November 2, 1992 changed the kind of livestock use within the allotment from sheep to cattle, modified the season of use, and reduced the grazing preference from 5,394 AUMs to 1,074 AUMs. The decision also stated that at the end of three years an analysis of monitoring data would be performed and a decision on a long term grazing permit would be rendered. The Pine Nut Final Multiple Use Decision dated August 18, 1995 determined that the Actual Use/Utilization studies would continue over an additional three year period before the estimated active preference for livestock grazing would be refined. To date no additional decisions have been made regarding the livestock grazing preference within the Churchill Canyon Allotment. The grazing permittee Dick Huntsberger has requested that the grazing preference for livestock be set at 2,400 AUMs and that the season of use be extended to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently the permitted use is 1,074 AUMs (166 Cattle from 11/01 to 05/15).

The Carson City Field office is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the impacts of the proposed actions listed above. If you have comments regarding the proposed projects please mail or fax your written comments before January 12, 2000 to:

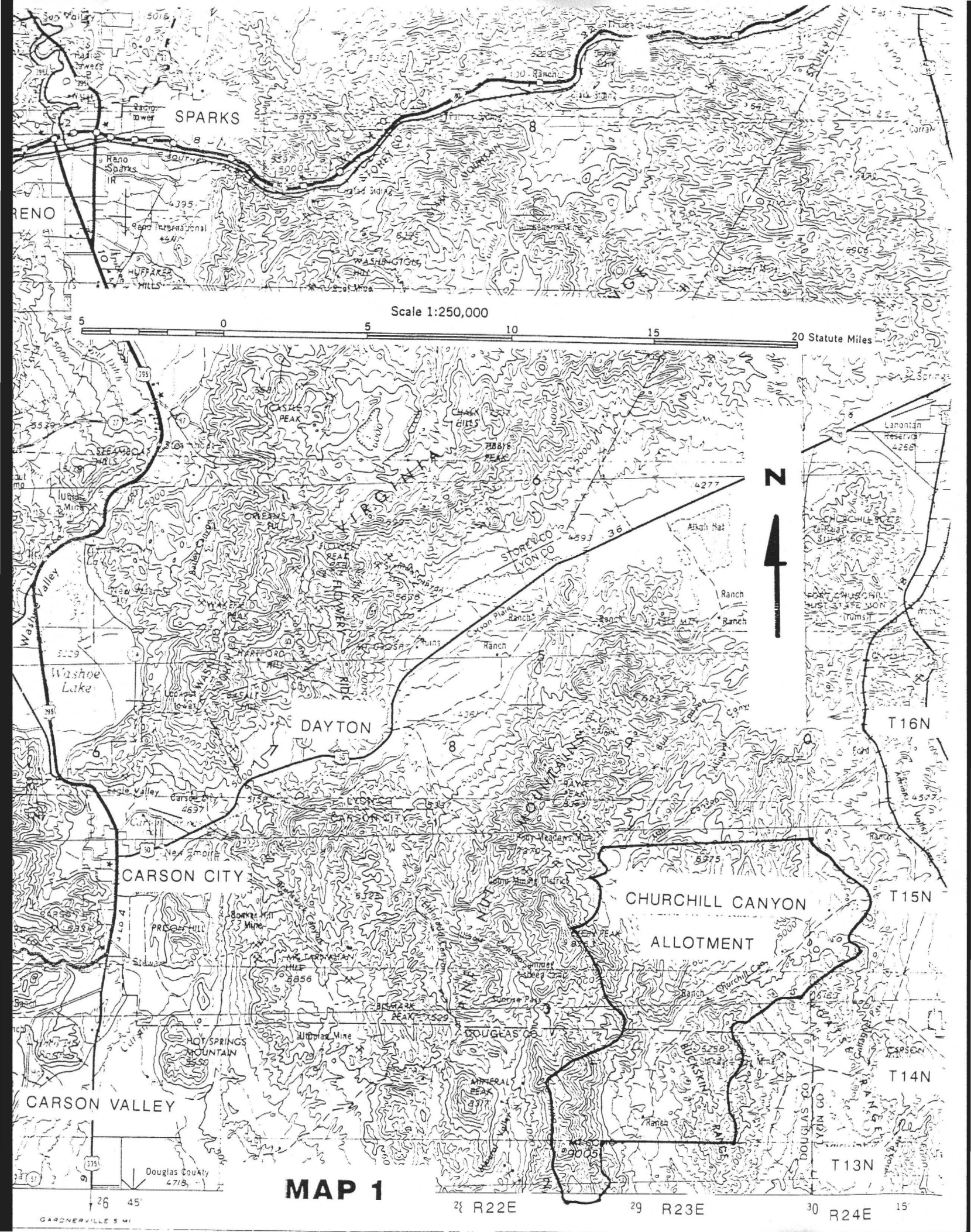
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(775) 885-6147 Fax

Please contact me at (775) 885-6130 if you would like to receive a copy of the EA when it is completed or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Katrina Leavitt  
Rangeland Ecologist

Enclosures (7 Maps)



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Scale 1:250,000

20 Statute Miles



DAYTON

CARSON CITY

CHURCHILL CANYON

ALLOTMENT

CARSON VALLEY

MAP 1

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29 R23E

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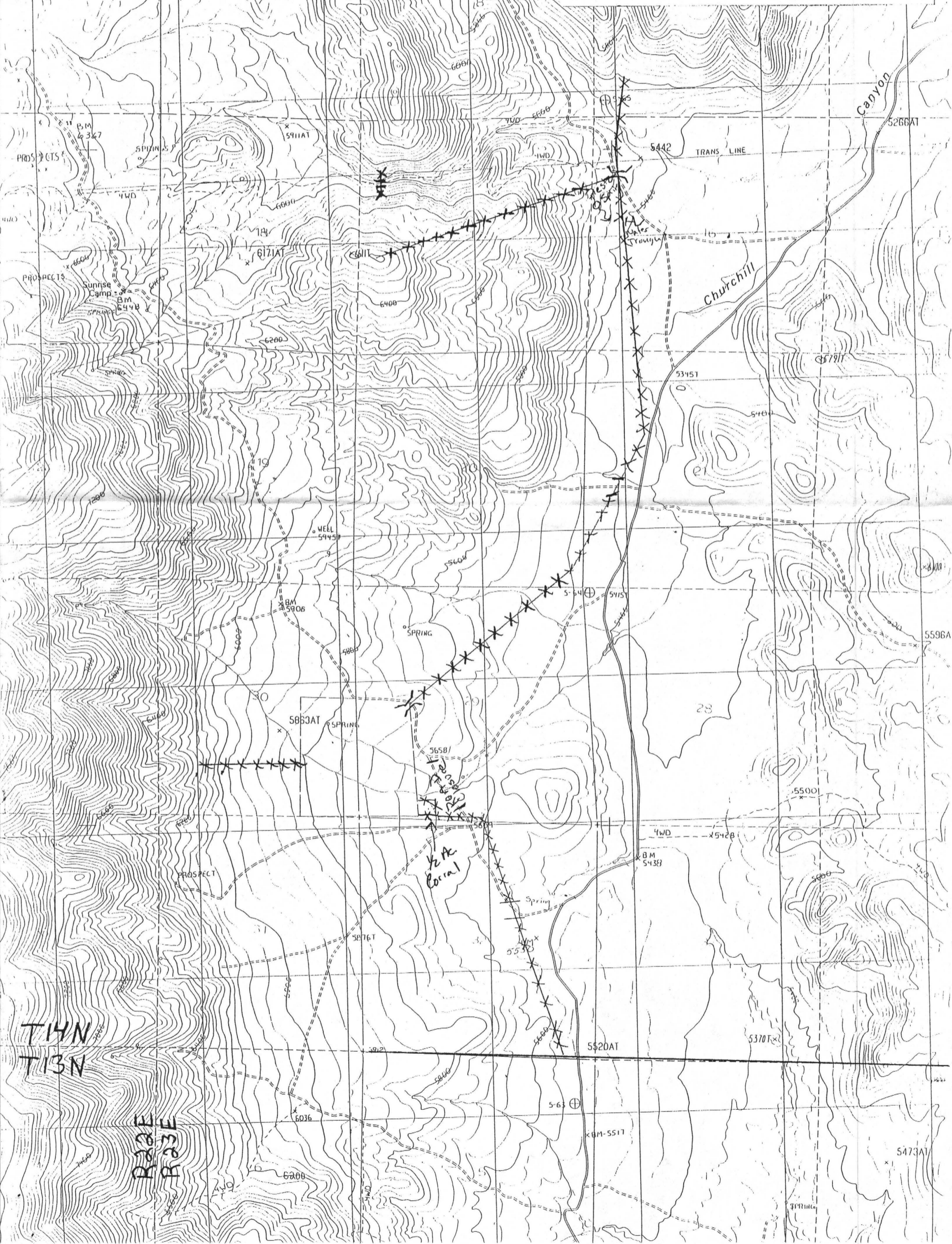
Churchill Canyon Grazing Allotment -12/21/99

Mount Como Quadrangle (1987) - Nevada

7.5 Minute Series - Scale 1:24,000

T14N, R23E, Sec. 9, 16, 17, 21, 29, 30 & 32

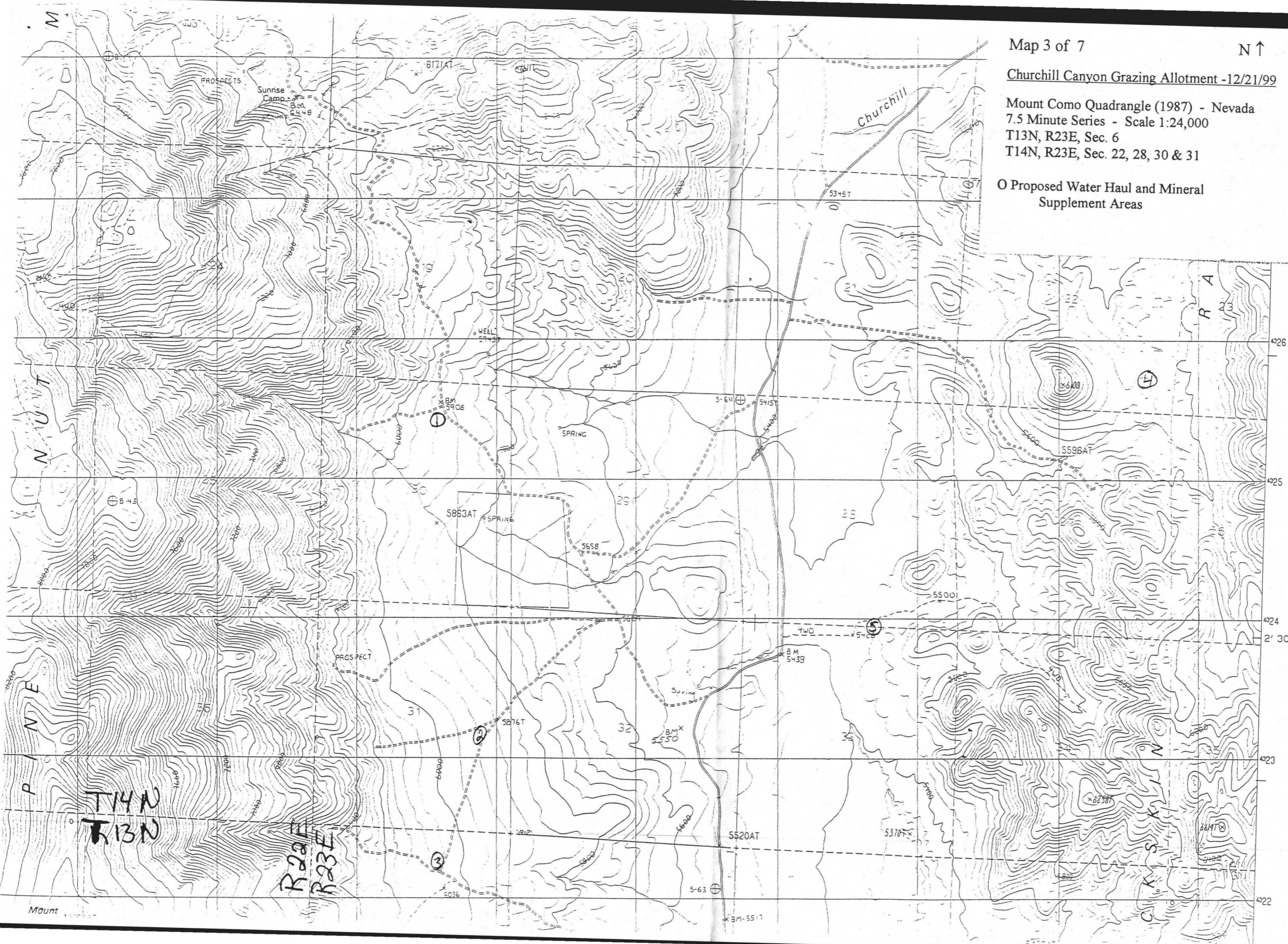
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- ∟ Proposed Cattle Guard
- ▤ Proposed Water Trough



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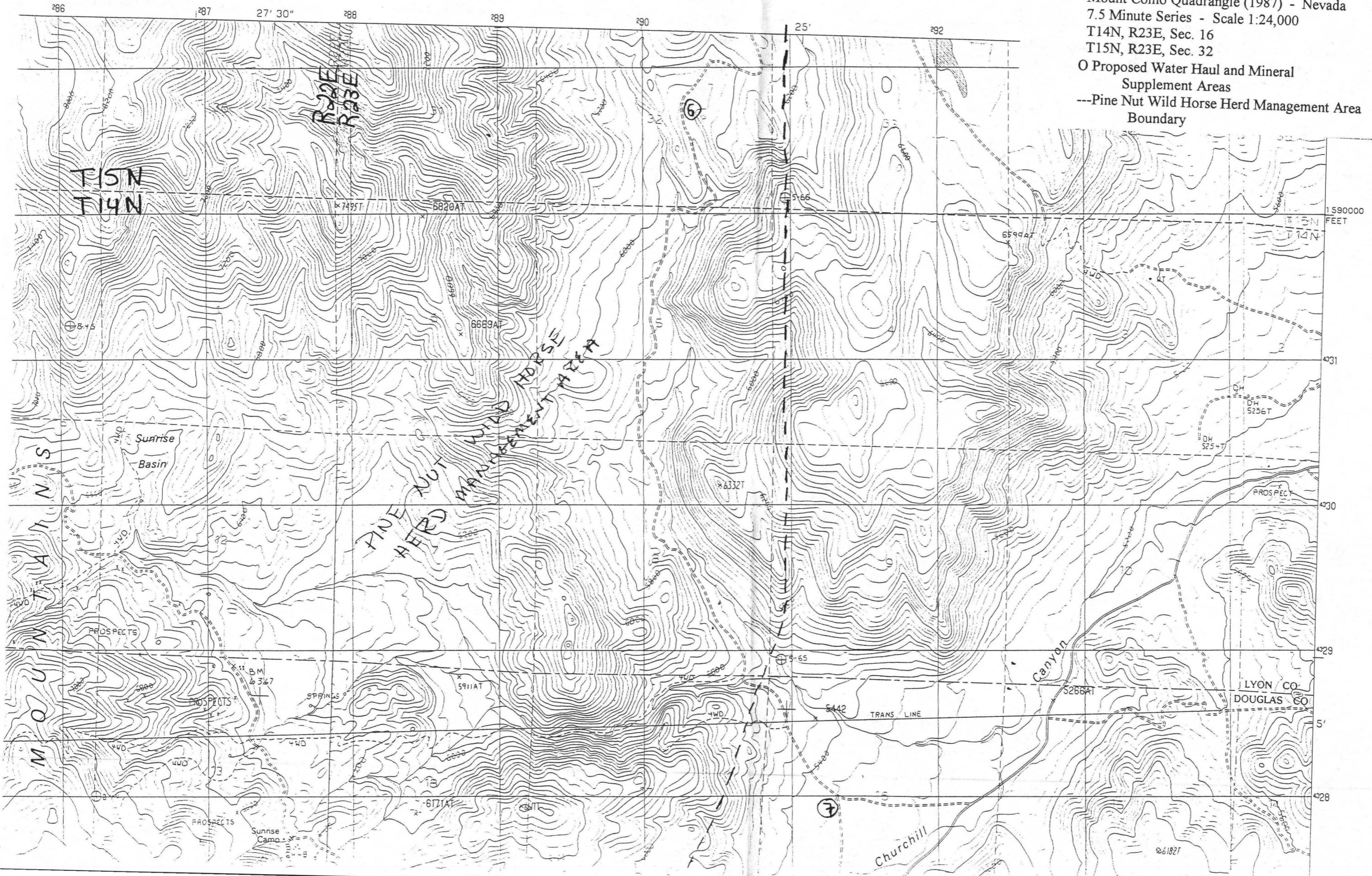
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T13N, R23E, Sec. 6  
T14N, R23E, Sec. 22, 28, 30 & 31

O Proposed Water Haul and Mineral Supplement Areas



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Mount Como Quadrangle (1987) - Nevada  
7.5 Minute Series - Scale 1:24,000  
T14N, R23E, Sec. 16  
T15N, R23E, Sec. 32

O Proposed Water Haul and Mineral  
Supplement Areas  
---Pine Nut Wild Horse Herd Management Area  
Boundary



T15N  
T14N

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COMO

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WILD HORSE  
HERD MANAGEMENT AREA

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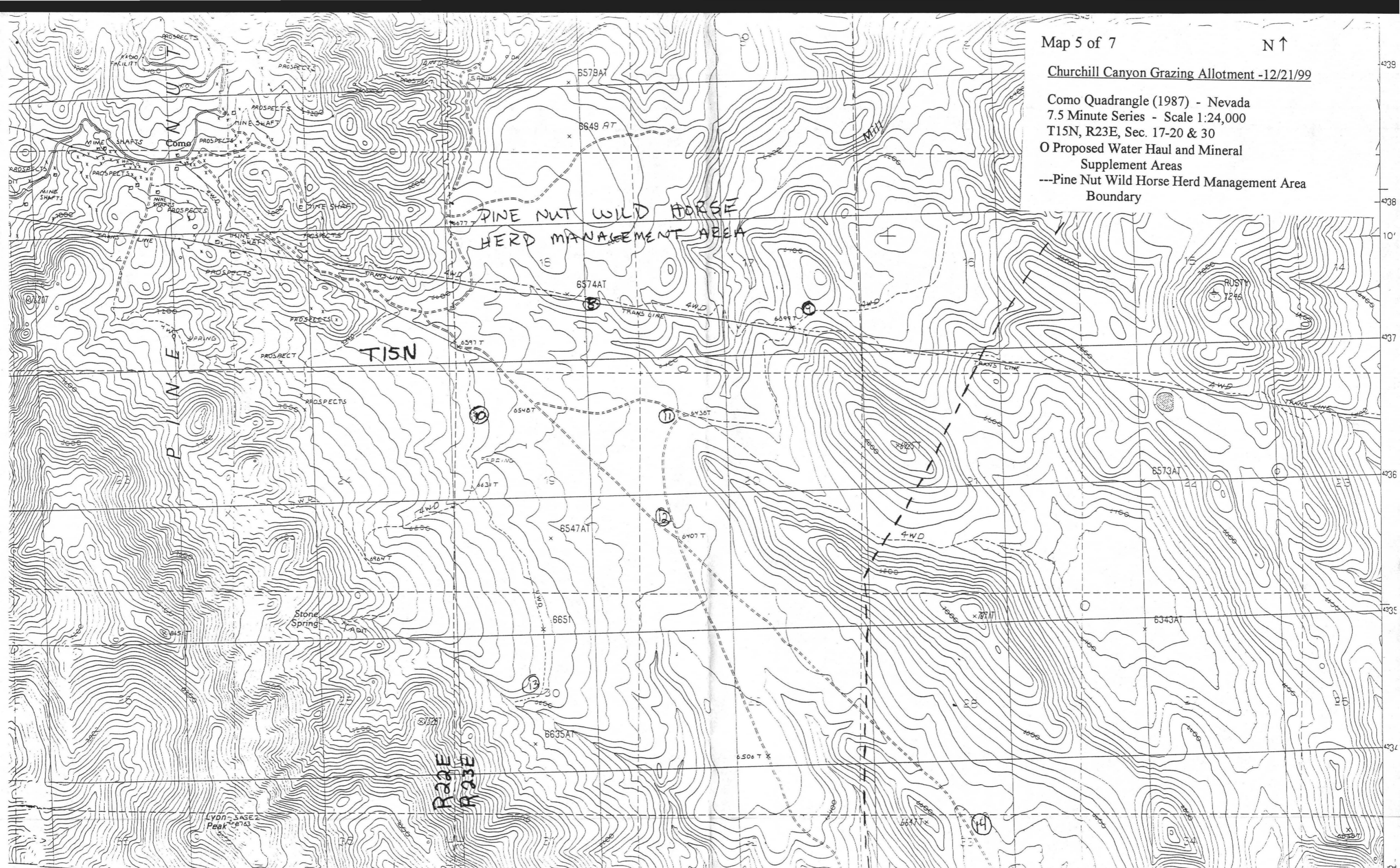
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PINE NUT WILD HORSE  
HERD MANAGEMENT AREA

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PINE

R23E  
R23E

T15N

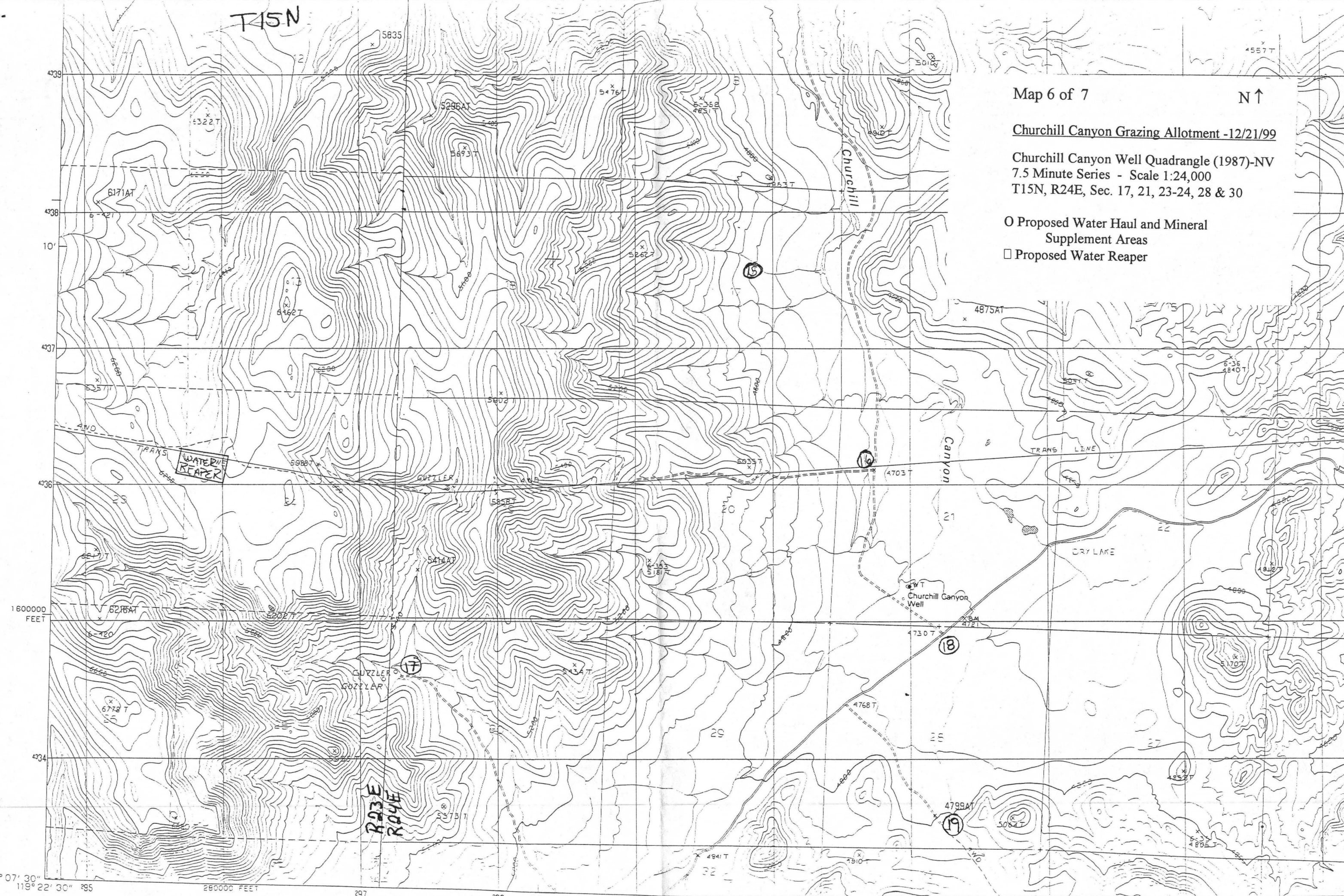
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Churchill Canyon Well Quadrangle (1987)-NV  
7.5 Minute Series - Scale 1:24,000  
T15N, R24E, Sec. 17, 21, 23-24, 28 & 30

- Proposed Water Haul and Mineral Supplement Areas
- Proposed Water Reaper



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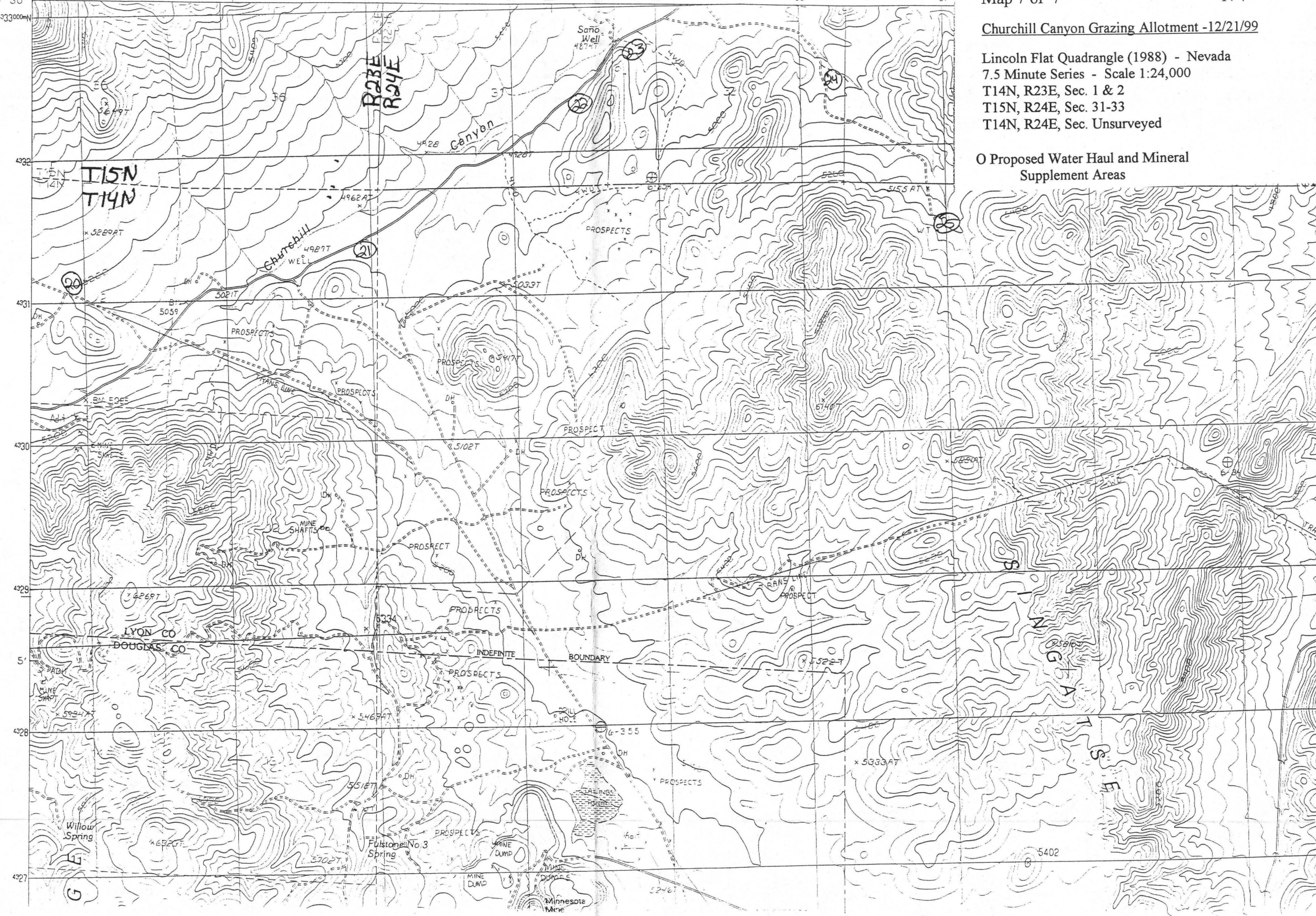
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Lincoln Flat Quadrangle (1988) - Nevada  
7.5 Minute Series - Scale 1:24,000  
T14N, R23E, Sec. 1 & 2  
T15N, R24E, Sec. 31-33  
T14N, R24E, Sec. Unsurveyed

O Proposed Water Haul and Mineral Supplement Areas







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January 7, 2000

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5665 Morgan Mill Road  
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RE: Churchill Canyon Grazing Allotment

Dear Katrina,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Churchill Canyon Grazing Allotment proposed actions. A large consideration of these proposals is to increase grazing which would be contingent upon increased AUM availability. Correct me if I'm wrong but the AML was established at 13 wild horses. In the proposed EA, as you are considering increasing livestock and extending the grazing season based upon increased AUM's you will need to consider sharing those increased AUM with wild horse AUM's. Also, in the EA for the proposed six mile of fencing, please consider and document wild horse movement.

We look forward to working with you on the future management of this allotment. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

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

CATHERINE BARCOMB  
Administrator

cc: Jim Gianola