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(NV-931.3)

JUN 30 1989

Commission for the Preservation of
Wild Horses and Burros
c/o Terri Jay, Executive Director
Stewart Facility
5500 Snider Ave., Bldg. 6, Room 137
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Dear Ms. Jay:

The Bureau of Land Management proposes to gather excess wild horses and burros from public lands in the State of Nevada no sooner than 28 days from the date of this letter.

The proposed gathering will be conducted in the Ely District in the areas shown on the enclosed maps and as described below.

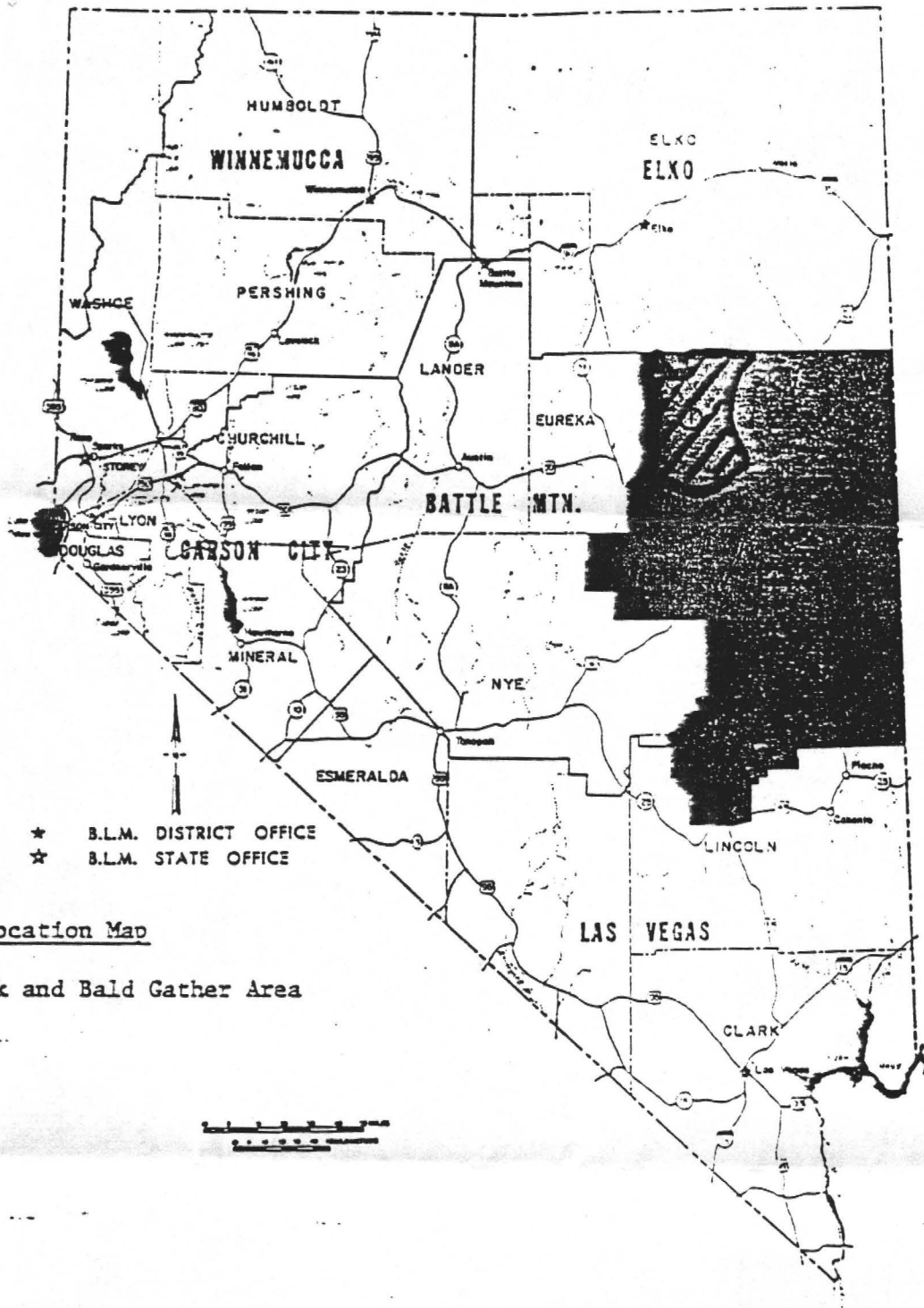
<u>Herd Management Area/Herd Area Name</u>	<u>Environmental Analysis Record Number</u>	<u>Reason for Gathering</u>	<u>Approximate Number to Be Removed</u>	<u>Approximate Number to Remain</u>
Buck and Bald	NV-040-8-15	Resource Protection	381	700

Sincerely,

Edward F. Spang
State Director, Nevada

For

- 1 Enclosure
- 1 - Maps of Proposed Gathering (2 pp)

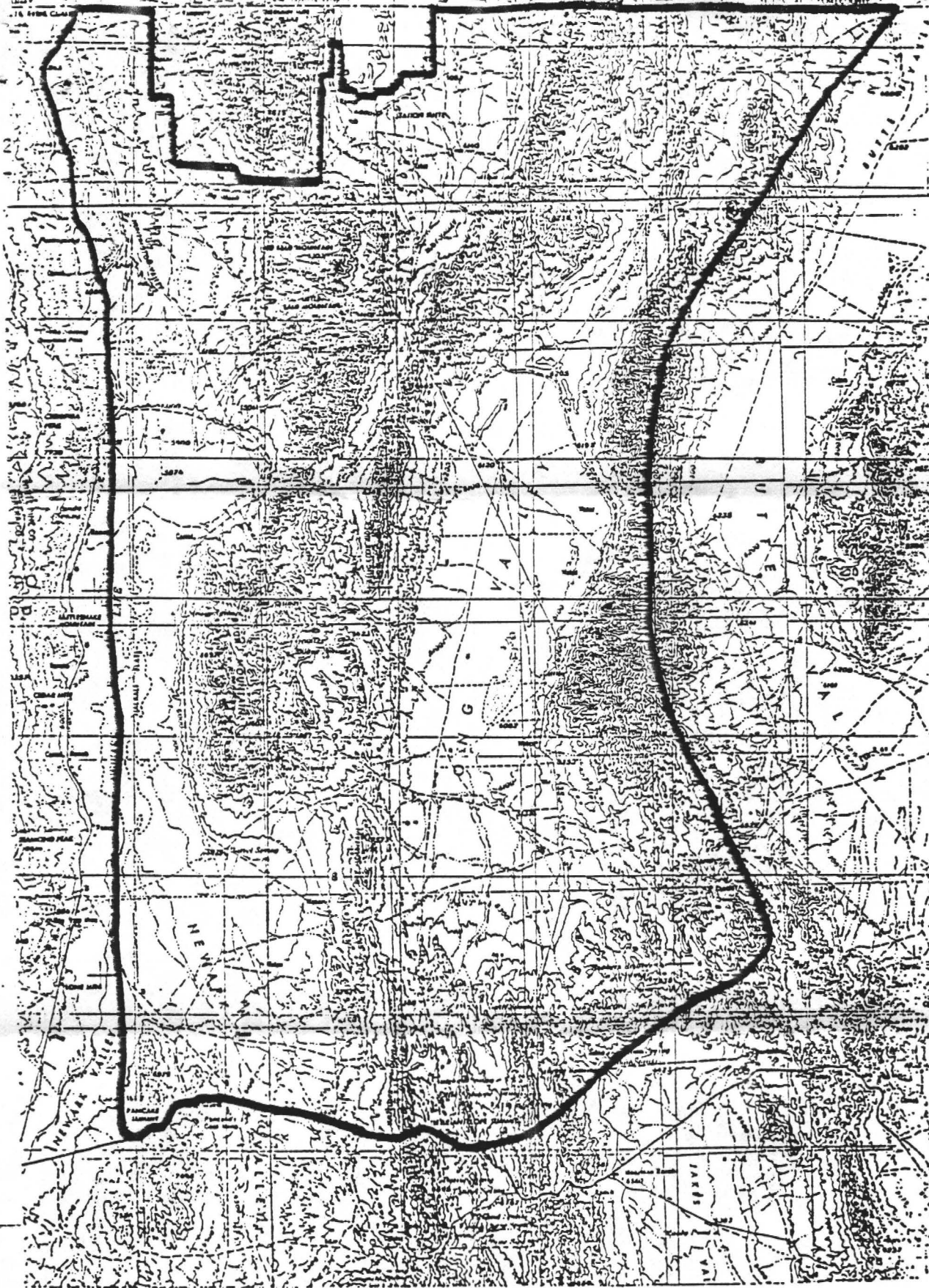


Work Location Map

1. Buck and Bald Gather Area

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BUCK AND BALD GATHER AREA

BUCK + BALD HMA

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

ELY DISTRICT OFFICE

Star Route 5, Box 1
Ely, Nevada, 89301



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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(NV-043)

JUN 21 1989

Dear Reader:

This letter is to inform you of our intention to gather approximately 381 wild horses from the Buck and Bald Herd Management Area (HMA) starting July 24, 1989. We are conducting this gather to reduce the Buck and Bald herd from the current inventoried population of 1,081 down to 700 animals in order to restore the range to a thriving natural ecological balance and to prevent further deterioration of the range.

This gather was originally proposed for completion last year as part of the Ely/Elko District Wild Horse Gather. You were given the opportunity to review the Removal Plan for Ely/Elko District Wild Horse Gather and the associated Environmental Assessment No. NV-040-8-15 at that time. Since the proposal to gather 381 horses from Buck and Bald remains the same as in these documents, and only the gather date has changed, the 1988 removal plan and environmental assessment remain valid documents and new ones will not be prepared.

The 1988 Ely/Elko District Wild Horse Gather did not occur; it was stopped by an appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). Since that time, IBLA has upheld this appeal with a decision affecting all HMA's involved in the gather, except for the Buck and Bald HMA.

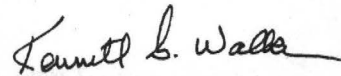
IBLA issued a full force and effect decision for BLM to continue with the removal of horses from the Buck and Bald HMA. This decision stated that the removal of wild horses from Buck and Bald is necessary because resource damage is occurring or the threat of resource damage is significant enough to warrant the immediate removal of wild horses.

We are, therefore, proceeding with the action to remove approximately 381 excess wild horses from the Buck and Bald HMA to comply with the IBLA full force and effect decision. No horses will be removed from the other HMA's involved in the Ely/Elko District Wild Horse Gather proposal at this time. The IBLA decision stated that BLM would not remove horses from these remaining HMA's (Butte, Monte Cristo, Diamond Hills South,

Maverick-Medicine, and Cherry Springs) until a determination is made that removal is necessary to restore the range to a thriving natural ecological balance and prevent a deterioration of the range.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Bob Brown, Ely District Wild Horse Specialist. We appreciate your interest and involvement in the Ely District's wild horse program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth G. Walker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Kenneth G. Walker
District Manager

7-17-89

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In Memoriam

LOUISE C. HARRISON
VELMA B. JOHNSTON, "Wild Horse Annie"

July 17, 1989

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Mr. Bob Brown, Wild Horse Specialist
Bureau of Land Management
Ely District Office
Star Route 5, Box 1
Ely, Nevada 89301

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 1989 (NV-043) pertaining to the Buck and Bald capture. Due to a partial leave of absence, I must have missed NV-040-8-15. I would appreciate knowing a few details.

Is the AML the same as per agreement or has the monitoring adjusted that number? The agreement was for three years, if my memory serves me correctly, and that time has expired. What are the current livestock numbers? If you have a spare Gather and EA, I would appreciate another copy. Your letter states that I had received one, but somewhere in that year it must have gotten misfiled or misplaced.

I also would appreciate an update on Monte Cristo. Did the BLM erect the fence at Red Tank, and has there been any problems with the wild horses because of the fence.

I apologize for the numerous inquiries. Hopefully I will be able to respond more diligently in the future. Please keep me posted.

Most sincerely,

Dawn Y. Lappin (Mrs.)
Director

cc: Board

