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Dear Citizen:

The BLM and Forest Service have planned a helicopter roundup of wild horses in the Monte Cristo Herd Management Area in southwestern White Pine County. We have scheduled a public meeting to discuss the roundup and adoption procedures on Friday, January 19, 1979, in the White Pine County Library Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

The roundup is being conducted to maintain the horse population at levels arrived at in the Monte Cristo Wild Horse Management Plan, completed in July 1977. Most of you who receive this letter helped us to develop both the management plan and the environmental assessment which analyzed impacts of the plan, and we thought you would like to be notified of our first action in the area.

We plan on removing about 100 head from two different areas in the western portion of the White Pine Range in a planned 3-day effort during the last weeks of January. Several range riders will assist the helicopter gather the horses. The horses will then be transported to the BLM horse holding facilities at Palomino Valley, where they will be cared for, examined, and finally put up for private adoption.

If you have any questions, please contact either the Ely BLM office (Steve Sherman) (702) 289-4865 or the White Pine Ranger District (702) 289-3031.

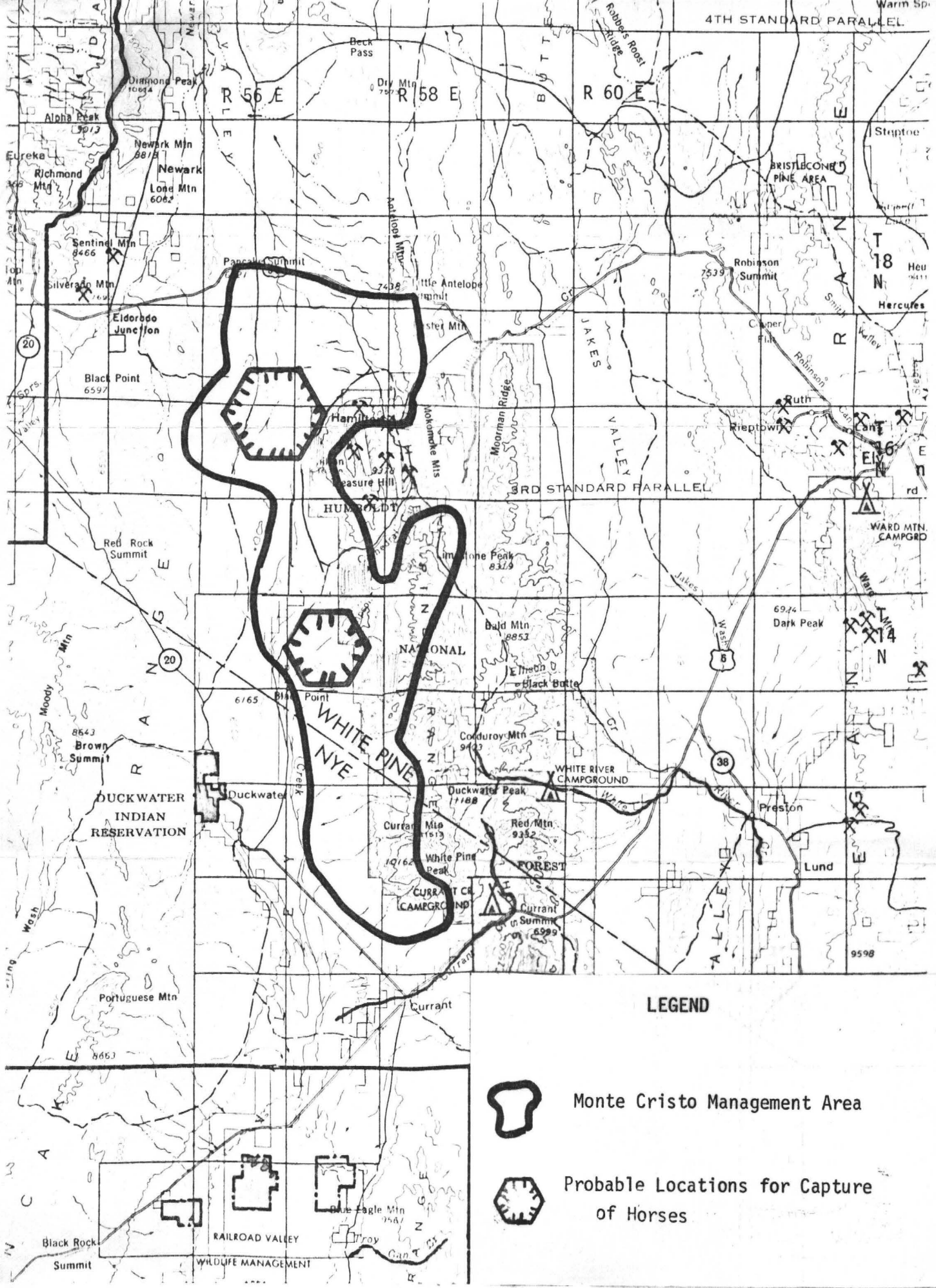
Sincerely yours,

Neil B. McCleery
District Manager



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