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Clover Mountain HMA,

Clover Creek HMA

(NV-045.02)

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Dear Ms. Barcomb:

Thank you for your letter of 17 June 1998. I am sorry that you could not attend a public meeting on 16 July 1998. This meeting was held in order to obtain suggestions and needs from affected parties on the Clover Mountain and Clover Creek Horse Management Areas Evaluation. The draft and final allotment evaluations will be sent to you. You will have opportunity to comment on them, as well as the proposed multiple decisions that ensue from this evaluation.

The agenda for this meeting was as follows:

1. Introduction - purpose of this meeting, agenda;
2. presentation of BLM's evaluation process;
3. background information -location, topography, water resources;
4. current status of livestock, wild horses and wildlife;
5. Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) projected actions within these HMAs; and
6. Open discussion of management objectives and suggestions, and needs of parties present.

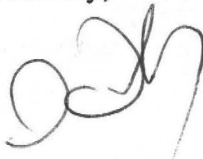
In summary, NDOW is in the planning stages of fish (re)introduction into springs within the HMA. They are evaluating (re)introductions of two listed fish species: Lahontan Cutthroat trout and Big Springs Spinedace. Furthermore, NDOW would like to protect and/or improve crucial deer habitat through vegetative conversions in this HMA. They would like to reduce Pinyon-Juniper and manzanita cover. Finally, elk, and perhaps wild turkey are migrating into these HMAs.

Permittees would like to see horse free seedings, if these were installed and enclosed prior to passage of the Wild Horse and Burro Act. They also wanted assurances that NDOW would repair fences damaged through elk depredation.

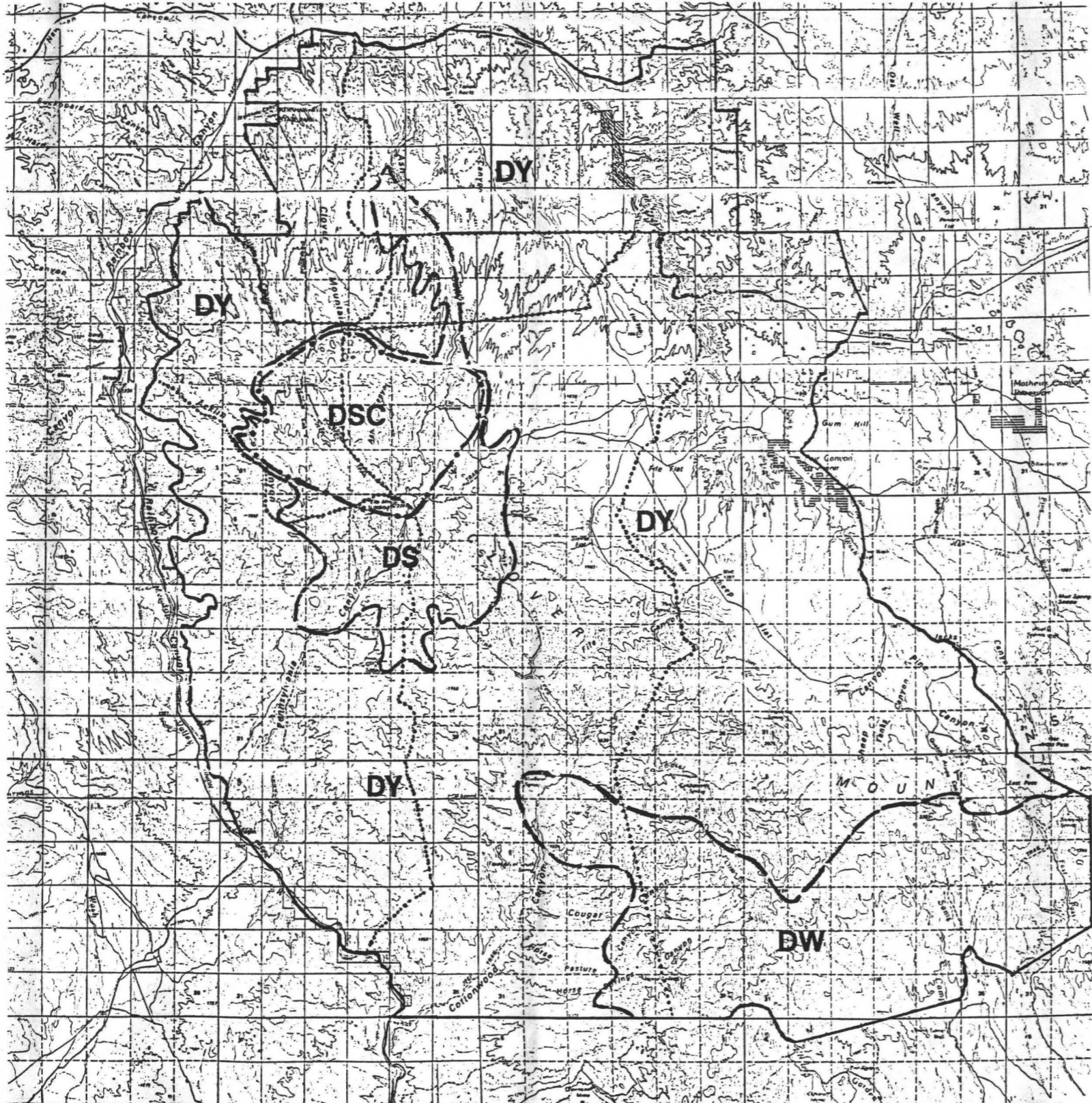
The county would like to ensure that grazing decisions do not jeopardize the economic viability of livestock operations. They would like for the BLM to ensure economic viability through range improvements. They also want the same standards applied to horse, livestock and wildlife. For example, livestock are removed from allotments during drought conditions, but horses often remain on the range.

I have enclosed maps of the Clover Mountain and Clover Creek HMAs, crucial wildlife areas and wilderness boundaries. Please feel free to contact me, if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

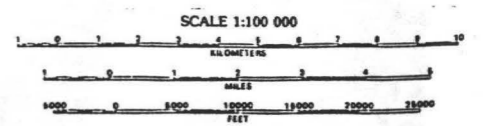
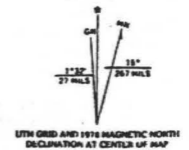
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Ann Dernburg
Rangeland Management Specialist

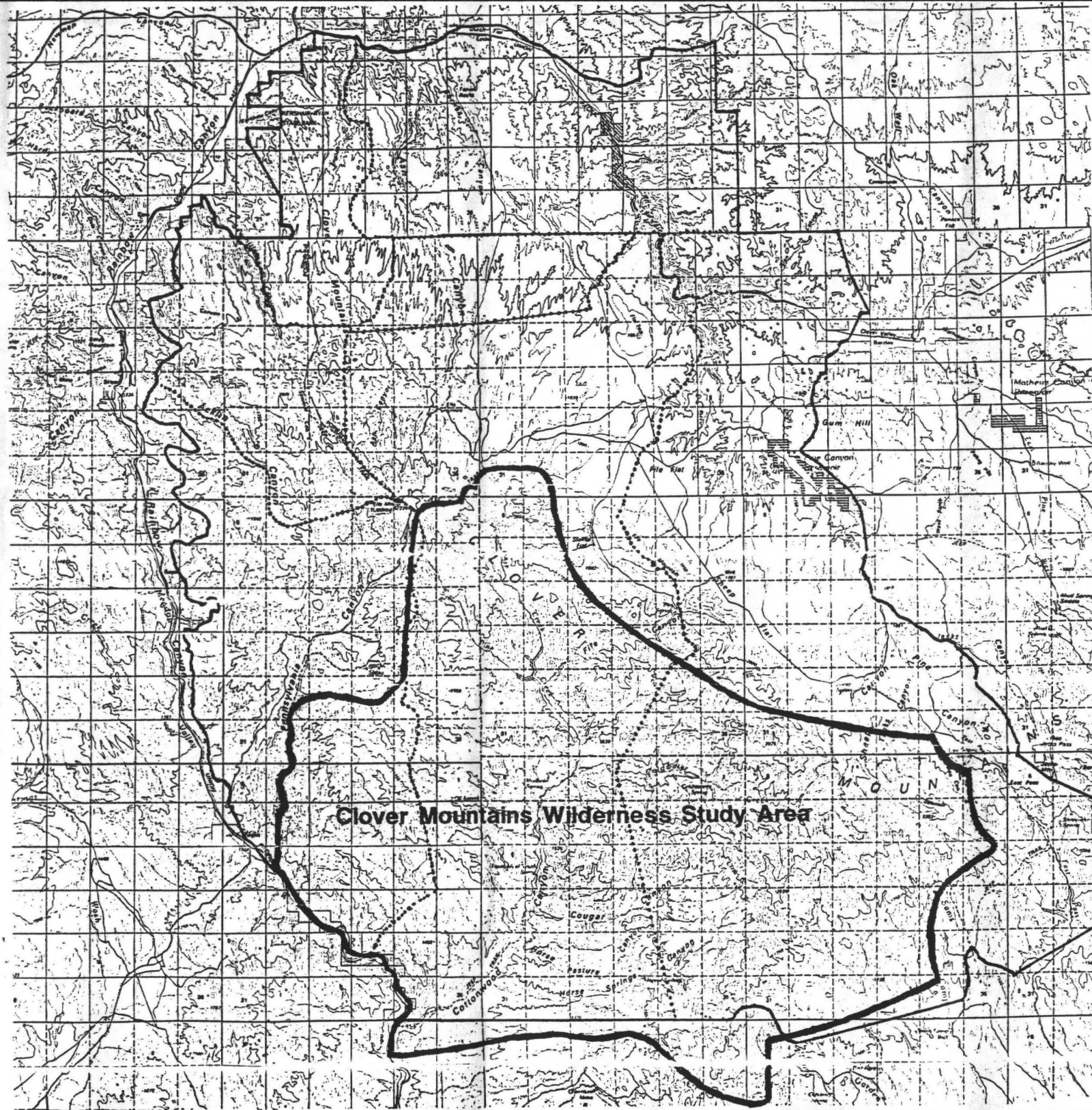


Map 3.
**CLOVER MOUNTAIN
 AND
 CLOVER CREEK
 WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT AREA
 WILDLIFE USE AREAS**

- DS** Deer Summer
- DSC** Deer Crucial Summer
- DY** Deer Yearlong
- DW** Deer Winter

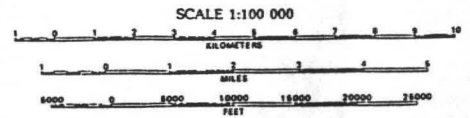
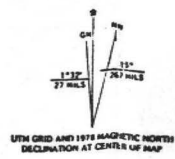


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Map 2-
**CLOVER MOUNTAIN
 AND
 CLOVER CREEK
 WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT AREA**

- Allotment Boundary
- Clover Mountains WSA Boundary
- Evaluation and Outer Allotment Boundaries

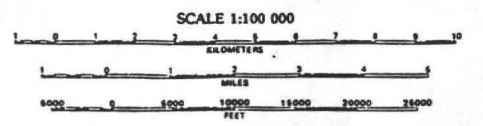
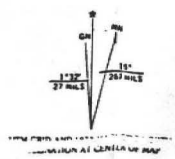


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 WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT AREA**

- Allotment Boundary
- X - Clover Creek HMA Boundary
- . - Clover Mountain HMA Boundary
- >>> Miller Flat HMA Boundary
- Evaluation and Outer Allotment Boundaries



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