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Memorandum

To : Egan Area Manager

From : Bob Brown, Wild Horse Specialist

Subject: Census of Butte, Buck and Bald, and Diamond Hills South Wild Horse Herds

On June 8-11, 1987, an aerial census of wild horse herds on the north end of the Egan Resource Area was conducted. The census was coordinated with the Elko District to get an accurate count of horses in the area.

A Bell 47G3 B-2 helicopter from El Aero Services (Elko) was used to conduct the census of all herds. Ted McBride was the pilot.

The weather was warm and cloudy with scattered rain showers the first two days and partly cloudy the third day. The final day was hot and sunny. Visibility was good on all four days, except during the short periods during rain showers.

Transects were generally in an east-west direction with some transects north-south due to topography. Total flight time was 26.4 hours broken down by herd area as follows:

Maverick-Medicine	7.0 hours
Butte	5.9 hours
Buck and Bald	11.5 hours
Diamond Hills South	1.0 hours
Diamonds/Hooper (horse free area)	1.0 hours

Bruce Portwood (Elko District Wild Horse Specialist) and I flew the Maverick-Medicine (Elko District) census on June 8, 1987. Paul Podborny (Egan Resource Area Range Conservationist) and I flew June 9-11, 1987, to census the Butte, Buck and Bald, Diamond Hills South wild horse herds, and the Diamonds/Hooper horse free area.

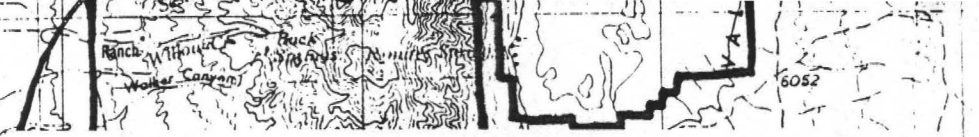
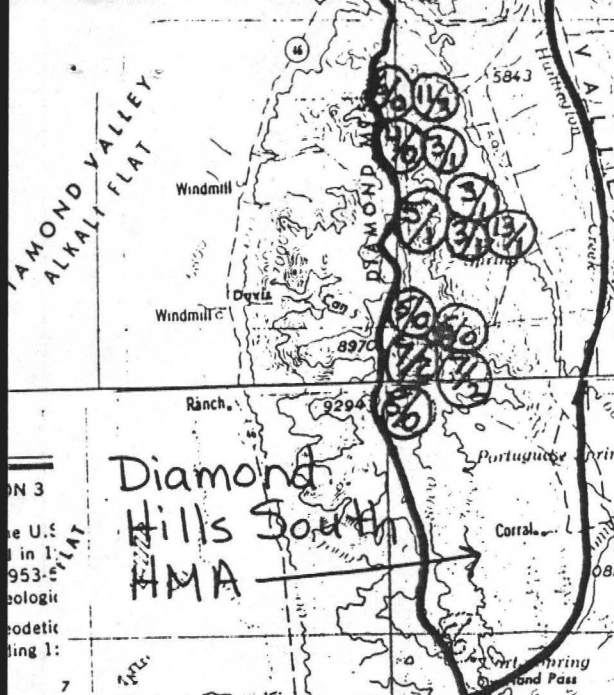
A breakdown of horses censused by herd area is as follows:

Maverick-Medicine (Elko District)		
351 Adults	92 Colts	Total: 443
Butte		
165 Adults	37 Colts	Total: 202
Buck and Bald		
887 Adults	194 Colts	Total: 1,081
Diamond Hills South		
83 Adults	12 Colts	Total: 95
Diamond/Hooper (horse free area)		
52 Adults	13 Colts	Total: 65

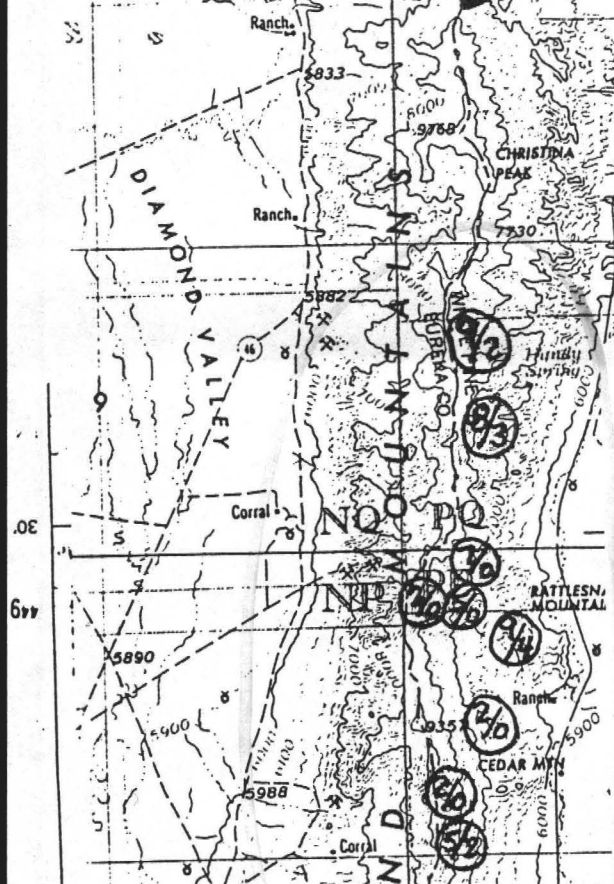
The attached maps show the individual bands counted within each herd by specific location with adults/colts counted in each band.

Bob Brown

Attachments



Census
 Diamond Hills South HMA
 June 10, 1987
 Adults = 83
 Colts = 12
 Total = 95



Census
 Diamonds/Hooper (Horse Free Area)
 June 10, 1987
 Adults = 52
 Colts = 13
 Total = 65

