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April 2, 1981

Wild Horse Organized Assistance  
Atten: Dawn Y. Lappin, Director  
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Reno, NV 89505

Dear Ms. Lappin:

Completion of preliminary fieldwork activities associated with the Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Plan (WHMP) is forthcoming. The opportunity for all interested parties to assemble and discuss possible management schemes will soon transpire. Our intentions include a one day field trip of the management area with a second day reserved for an office coordination meeting. Adequate participation in this endeavor will assure an acceptable product. Consequently your presence and contribution will be greatly appreciated.

A May 4, 1981, midmorning field trip rendezvous at the Caliente Bureau of Land Management Office is planned. The coordination meeting will be conducted on May 5, 1981, at the same location. Questions concerning this correspondence should be directed to Stan Van Velsor, Wild Horse & Burro Specialist, Caliente Bureau of Land Management Office.

Enclosed find a brief background account of the Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Area. Insight provided by this information will prepare interested parties with a partial understanding of the existing situation prior to the scheduled field trip and coordination meeting.

Sincerely,

Darwin G. Anderson  
Area Manager

Enclosure

## Background Information

### Introduction

The Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Plan will be designed to effectively manage an average wild hores population of 170 animals in the Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Area. The Wild Horse Herd Management Plan will adhere to the multiple-use policy mandated to the Bureau of Land Management, while maintaining the free-roaming behaviour of wild horses.

### Location

The Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Area incorporates 191,570 acres and is located in Lincoln County 10 miles west of Caliente, Nevada (see map). The management area is bordered by U.S. Highway 93 on the north. The area traverses south to approximately the Kane Springs Road including the northern Delamar Mountains and the eastern portion of the Delamar and Kane Springs Valleys. Meadow Valley Wash functions as the approximate eastern boundary with the Powerline Road bordering on the west.

### Vegetation

Six major vegetation types are encompassed in the management area; pinyon-juniper, sagebrush, joshua tree, oakbrush, blackbrush and annual grasses. The pinyon-juniper type extends over aproximately 53% of the area. The overall vegetative range condition is considered fair.

### Wildlife

There are an abundance of wildlife species inhabiting the management area. Big game species include mule deer and bighorn sheep. Mule deer utilize the majority of the management area as a yearlong range. Bighorn sheep occupy the mountainous southwestern segment. Gambel's quail populate the northwestern portion while desert tortoise are suspected to exist in the southern most segment of the management area.

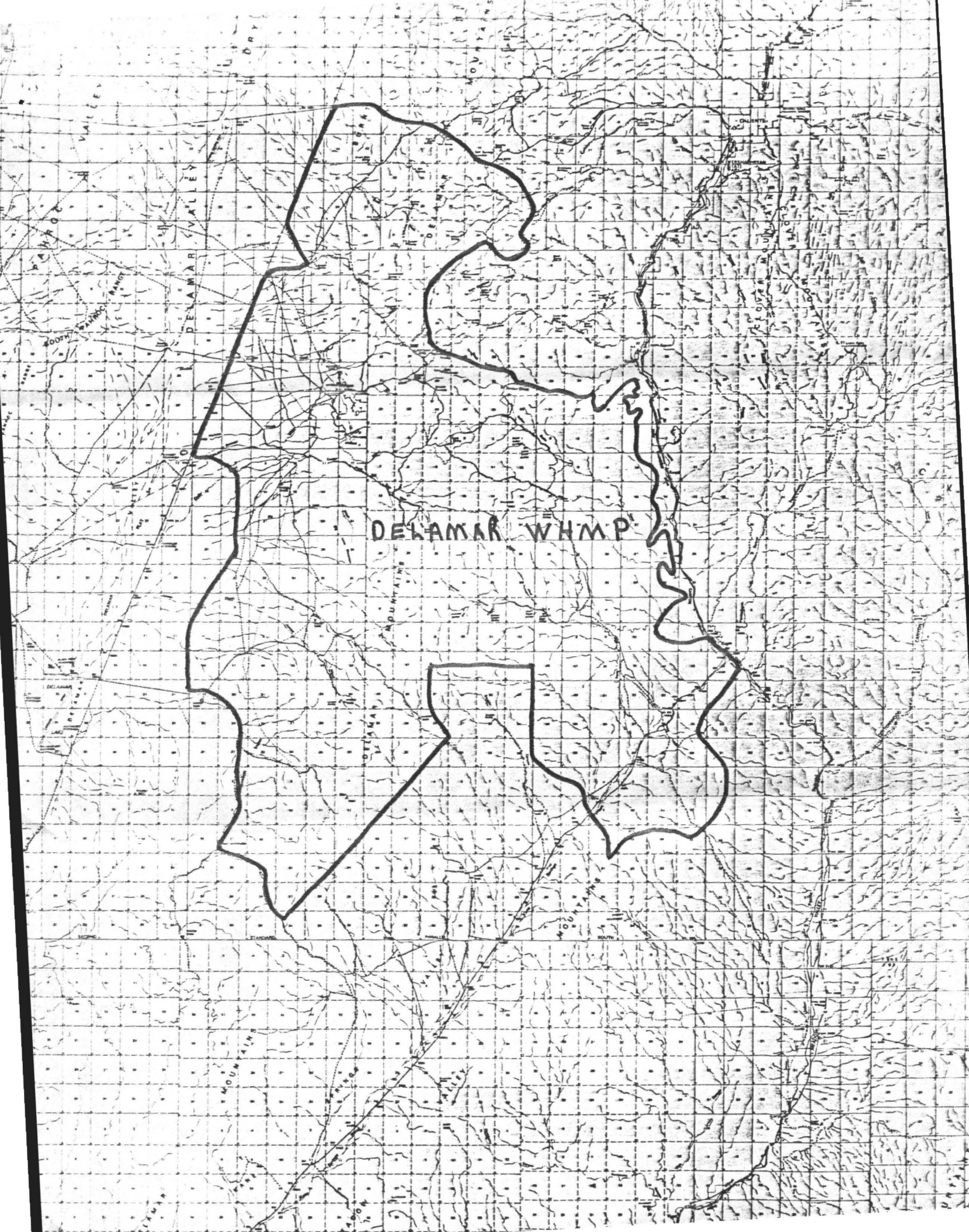
### Livestock

Four livestock grazing allotments are incorporated in the Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Area; Oak Springs, Delamar, Rainbow and Lower Riggs. The Oak Springs and Delamar Allotments are presently operating under Allotment Management Plans. Lower Riggs Allotment is scheduled for incorporation into the Applewhite Allotment Management Plan. The Rainbow Allotment is administered under a licensed use situation as a season long grazing system.

### Wild Horse

Wild horses have populated the Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Area at least since contemporary livestock use commenced. The source of these animals

predominately stems from domestic stock associated with mining and ranching activities. The 1980 estimated wild horse population was 298 animals. There were 100 horses removed from the area during capture operations conducted in 1980. Domestic horses were licensed in the management area until 1974. Licensed use was discontinued at this time because of conflicts associated with the management of wild and free-roaming horses inhabiting the area.



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March 2, 1981

Mr. Darwin G. Anderson, Area Manager  
Bureau of Land Management-Caliente/Virgin Valley Resource Area  
Post Office Box 237  
Caliente, Nevada 89008

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you very much for the notice of the preparation of the Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Plan. We are deeply interested in the process and decision.

We have not received any official notification of the status of our "protest" on the Caliente and therefore would remind you that the questions raised in our protest, i.e. inventory, management, and elimination have yet to be addressed. Any participation on our part would be limited until these questions are addressed.

In the meantime we are interested in the rationale that determined the optimum numbers of horses (170) in this unit. Also we are interested in the dates of inventories in this area.

Due to the financial constraints of attending all the CRMP meetings now currently underway, we are interested only in the area pertaining to the horses. Please keep us advised.

Most sincerely,

Dawn Y. Lappin (Mrs.)  
Director



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February 11, 1981

WILD HORSE ORGANIZED ASSISTANCE  
DAWN Y. TAPPIN, Director  
P.O. Box 555  
Reno, NV 89505

Dear Director:

Caliente-Virgin Valley Resource Area personnel are beginning the task of preparing the Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Plan (WHMP). The Delamar Herd Management Area incorporates approximately 191,570 acres and is located east of Caliente in the Delamar Mountains. The Caliente Management Framework Plan - Step III decision directs the administration of 170 horses within this unit.

Preliminary fieldwork activities for the Delamar WHMP have commenced and are expected to continue through March 1981. Following completion of the fieldwork portion, the actual writing of the plan will be initiated. The proposed completion date for the Delamar WHMP draft is late Spring 1981.

The Coordinated Resource Management Planning effort recently adopted by the Bureau of Land Management is getting underway in Caliente. Wild Horse Management programs are an integral part of this endeavor and, therefore, must be addressed accordingly. Our intentions include meeting with all interested parties following the fieldwork portion of the planning process and prior to the actual written preparation segment. Consequently, the WHMP will be a coordinated effort resulting in an acceptable and workable product.

We will impart to you the scheduled meeting date at a later time. However, if you wish to be included in the fieldwork portion of the planning process or offer comments on this correspondence, please contact our office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Darwin G. Anderson  
Area Manager