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SCOPING

Dear Interested Public:

Following are the allotment evaluations which are being initiated by the Ely Field Office this year:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Allotment Category</u>	<u>Wild Horse Management Area (HMA)</u>
Oak Springs	Intensive	Delamar Mtns/Rattlesnake
Delamar	Intensive	Delamar Mtns
Rainbow	Custodial	Delamar Mtns
Lower Riggs	Custodial	Delamar Mtns
Cliff Springs	Maintenance	Non-HMA
Applewhite	Custodial	Applewhite
Wilson Creek	Intensive	Wilson Creek/Dry Lake
Sand Springs	Intensive	Non-HMA
Highland Peak	Custodial	Highland Peak
Pioche	Custodial	Highland Peak
Ely Springs Sheep	Custodial	Highland Peak
Black Canyon	Custodial	Highland Peak
Klondike	Custodial	Highland Peak
Bennett Spring	Custodial	Highland Peak

The purpose of the allotment evaluation is to assess if existing multiple uses and current management practices are consistent with the standards for the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, and the allotment specific and land use plan objectives.

This year (2000) the Ely Field Office is scheduled to initiate the allotment evaluation process for these allotments.

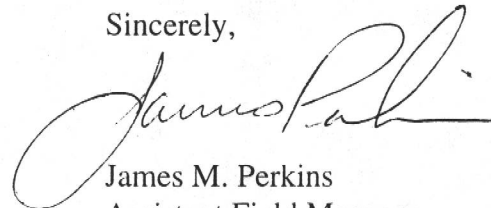
I request that those individuals and groups that have an interest in any or all of the listed allotments or HMA's to please inform us by April 28, 2000. Also, if you have any information related to these allotments or HMA's, please submit by April 28, 2000.

The Ely Field Office will coordinate the review of the evaluation with the permittee and other interested public(s) that request involvement through an allotment specific response to this inquiry.

Following review of the allotment evaluation and input from the interested public and affected permittees, livestock agreements will be issued. Where agreements cannot be achieved, multiple use decisions will be issued. The agreement or multiple-use decision will outline the management actions needed to assure the attainment of the objectives listed for the allotment. If the evaluation shows that no changes in management are required, or if additional data is needed to assess progress, the allotment file will be documented accordingly.

The above described procedures provide the opportunity for the permittee and other interested public(s) to be involved in the allotment evaluation process. In response to this letter, please send your allotment specific data and information to the above address, attention: Chris Mayer, Rangeland Management Team Lead.

Sincerely,

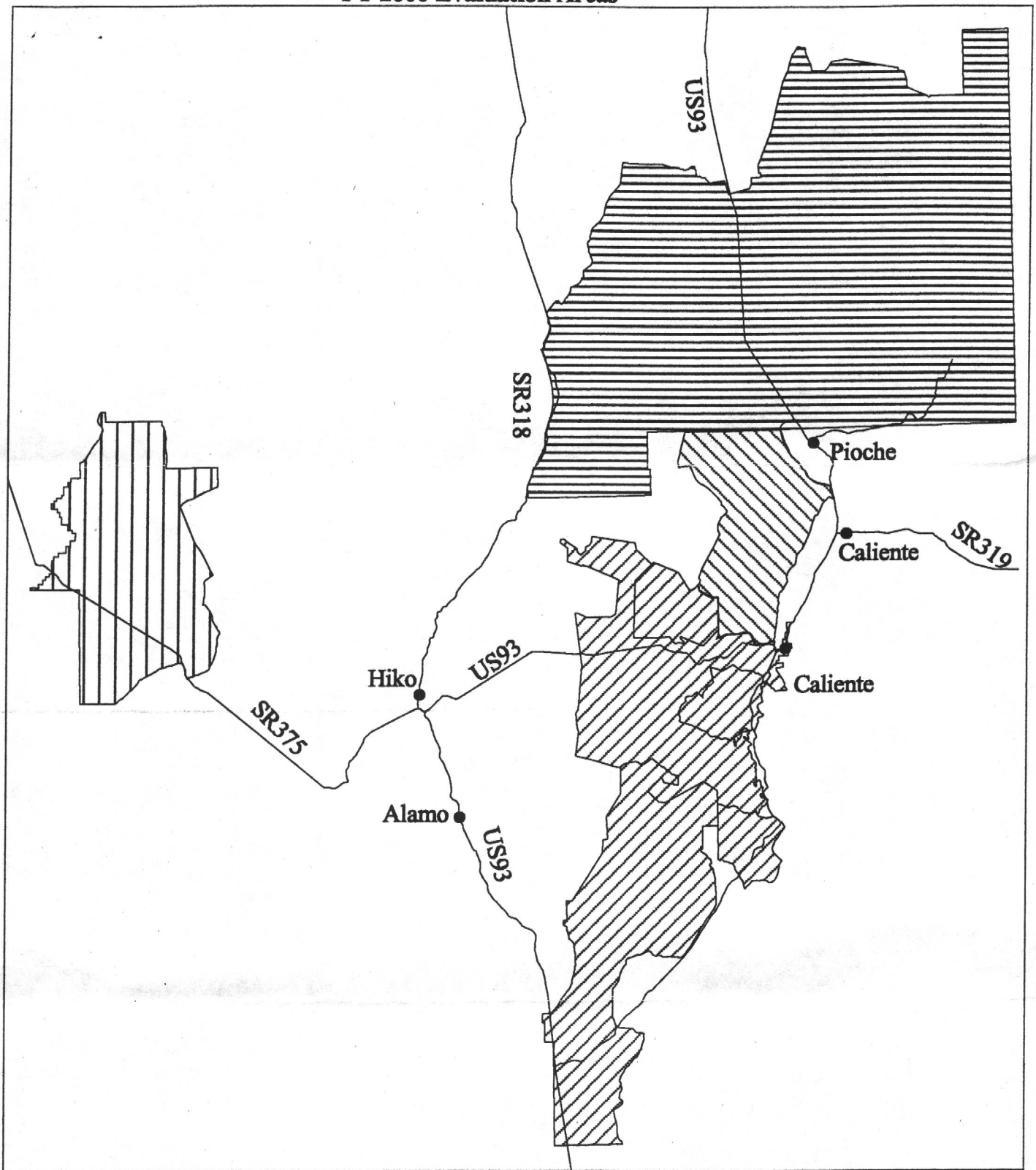


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Enclosures:

1. FY2000 Evaluations Reference Map
2. Highland HMA Map
3. Wilson Creek Allotment Map
4. Delamar/Applewhite HMA Map
5. Sand Springs Allotment Map

FY 2000 Evaluation Areas






EVALUATION AREAS

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|---|--------------|---|--------------------|
|  | Sand Springs |  | Delamar/Applewhite |
|  | Wilson Creek |  | Highland |



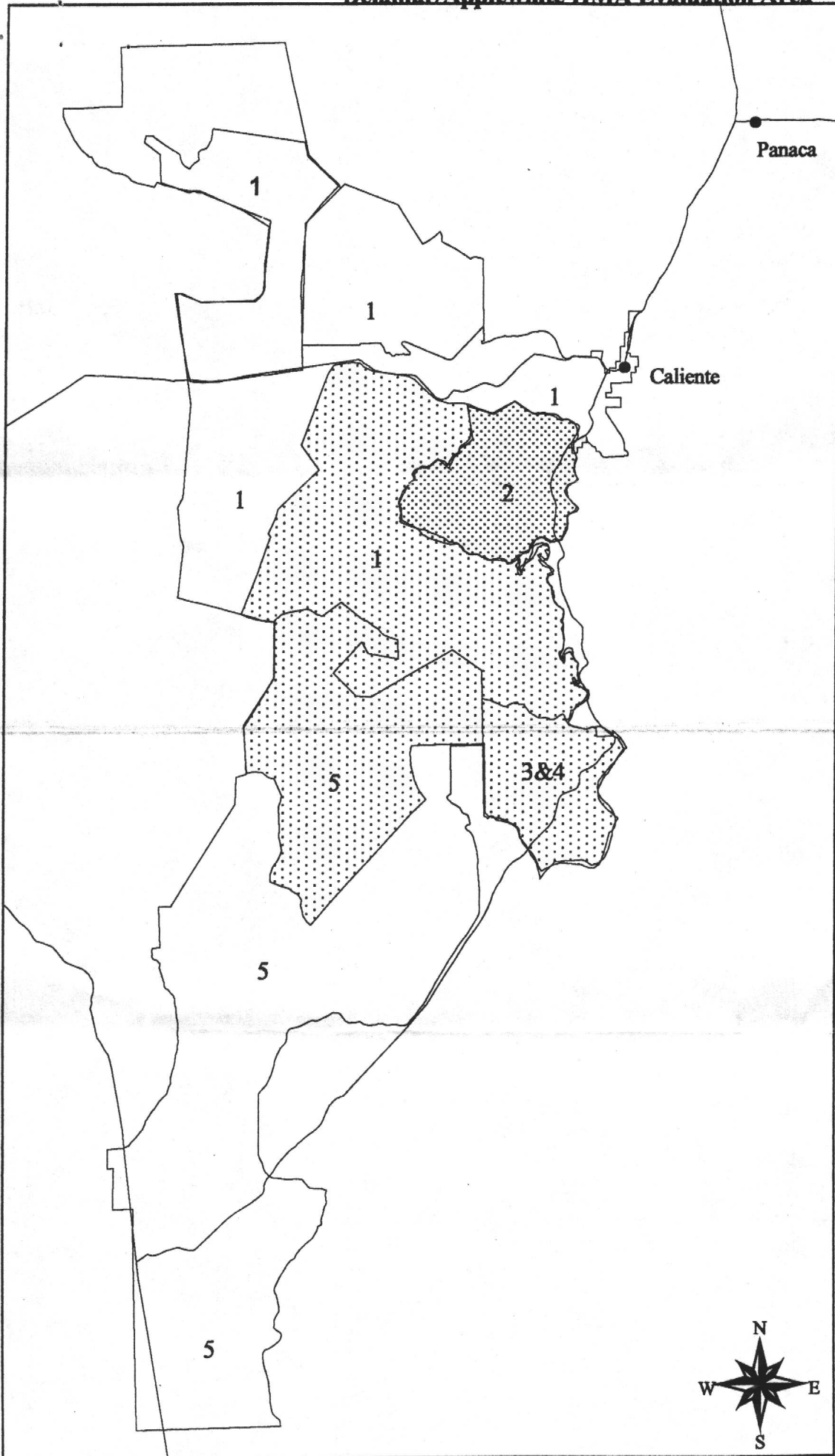
Wilson Creek Evaluation Area



-  Wilson Creek Allotment
-  Wilson Creek HMA
-  Dry Lake HMA



Delamar/Applewhite HMA Evaluation Area

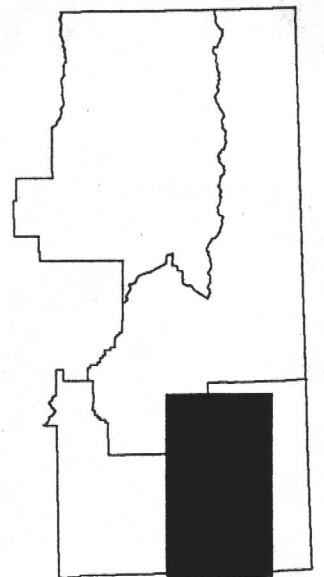


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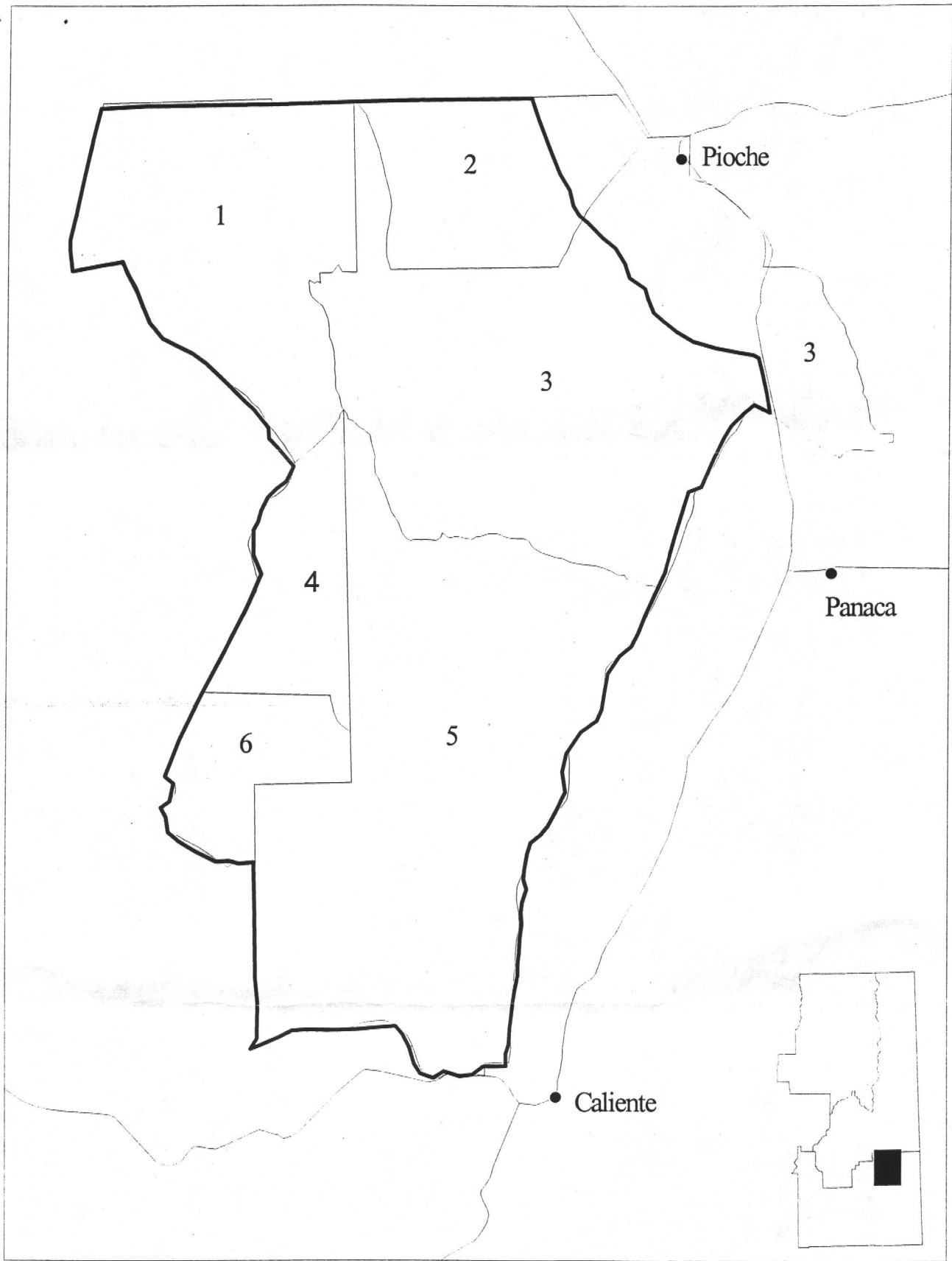
- 1 - Oak Springs
- 2 - Applewhite
- 3 - Lower Riggs
- 4 - Rainbow
- 5 - Delamar

HERD MANAGEMENT AREAS

- Applewhite
- Delamar
- Rattlesnake



Highland HMA Evaluation Area



ALLOTMENTS

1 - Ely Springs Sheep

2 - Pioche

3 - Highland Peak

4 - Black Hills

5 - Bennett Springs

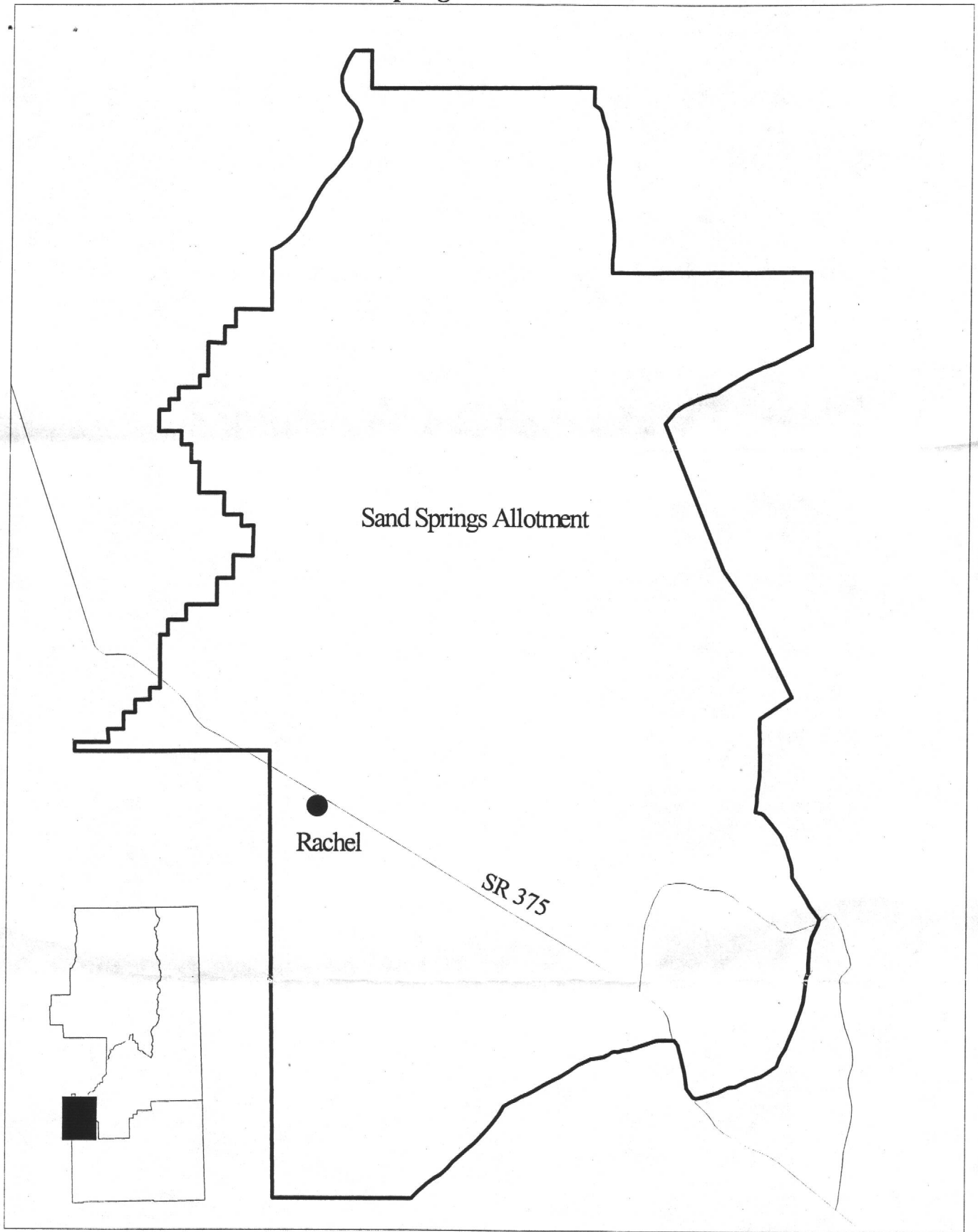
6 - Klondike



Highland Peak HMA



Sand Springs Evaluation Area



April 20, 2000

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Dear Mr. Perkins,

We are responding to your scoping document for your updated mailing list. The Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses is a State of Nevada Agency. By Nevada Statute we are the agency responsible for the oversight of the management of the wild horses and their habitat within the boundaries of the State of Nevada, therefore are an interested and affected party on all issues concerning wild horses and/or the habitat they reside on. Please continue to keep us on your mailing list for all actions:

- Designating or changing allotment boundaries
- Increasing or decreasing permitted use
- Modification of terms and conditions of grazing permits
- Development or revision of Allotment Management Plans
- Planning range developments or range improvement programs
- Reports which evaluate monitoring data (ie allotment evaluations)
- Issuance of non-renewable grazing permits
- Closures of allotments due to drought, fire, flood, infestation, or continued use would pose significant resource damage, trespass grazing,
- and, any other document that affects the wild horses and/or the habitat they reside on in the State of Nevada.

Thank you for providing us with a list of all the herd management areas and associated allotment listings within those HMA's in your District. Please include the Nevada Commission

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for the Preservation of Wild Horses on the mailing list for all of the allotments and herd management areas affecting wild horses and the habitats they reside on. If this request is not adequate without naming each one individually, please notify me and I will respond again to your request for your mailing list. Thank you for consulting us.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE BARCOMB
Administrator