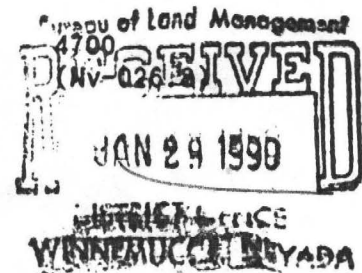


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In reply refer to:



Memorandum

To: Sonoma-Gerlach Area Manager
From: Tom Seley, Range Conservationist
Subject: Estimated July 1, 1990 WH&B Population

Attached is a data sheet listing the projected July 1, 1990 wild horse and burro population for the Sonoma-Gerlach Resource Area. The data sheet shows the AML's listed in the 1982 MFP III, current estimated population, number to remove to attain AML's and the date of the most recent census. An 11 % yearly rate of increase is used to estimate the population.

Based on AML's (prior to 6/7/89 IBLA decision) and population, removal priority would be in the following order:

Granite Range	685
Calico Mtns.	471
Fox and Lake Range	322
Warm Springs Cyn.	290
Nightingale Mtns.	253
Shawave Mtns.	<u>242</u>
total	2263

An additional 169 horses and 28 burros are estimated to be in the following areas that are not managed for WH&B's:

Antelope Range	127/0
Trinity Mtns.	10/2
Selenite range	30/26
East Range	<u>2/0</u>
total	169/28

There are also 19 horses in the Rye Patch Allotment that need to be removed to maintain the Humboldt Range as a horse free area as listed in the land use plan.

Tom Seley

July 1, 1990 Population Estimates

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SONOMA - GERLACH RESOURCE AREA WILD HORSE AND BURRO DATA SHEET

HERD MANAGEMENT AREA	AML'S		CURRENT POPULATION		NO. TO GATHER		COMMENTS	CENSUS DATE
	HORSES	BURROS	HORSES	BURROS	HORSES	BURROS		
ANTELOPE	0	0	127	0	127	0	CHECKERBOARD LAND PATTERN	4/89
AUGUSTAS	261	0	394	0	133	0	MANAGED BY CARSON CITY	9/89
BLACK ROCK WEST	424	0	538	0	114	0	GATHERED 1988	7/89
BLUE WING	50	39	33	27	-17	-12	GATHERED 1987	4/89
BUFFALO HILLS	399	0	339	0	-60	0	GATHERED 1990	7/89
CALICO MTS	514	0	985	0	471	0	GATHERED 12/88	7/89
FOX-LAKE RANGE	435	0	757	0	322	0	GATHERED 12/88	7/89
GRANITE RANGE	176	0	861	0	685	0	DOWNER REMOVAL PROTEST	7/89
KAMA MTS	50	0	9	0	-41	0	GATHERED 1987	4/89
LAVA BEDS	375	40	319	61	-56	21	GATHERED 1987	4/89
NIGHTENGALES	87	0	340	0	253	0	GATHERED 1985	4/89
N. STILLWATERS	82	0	183	0	101	0	DOWNER REMOVAL PROTEST	9/88
SELENITES	0	0	30	26	30	26	HERD USE AREA	4/89
SEVEN TROUGHS	215	64	223	101	8	37	GATHERED 1987	4/89
SHAWAVES	100	0	342	19	242	19	GATHERED 1985	4/89
TOBINS	13	0	0	0	0	0	WILDERNESS STUDY AREA	8/89
TRINITY MTS	0	0	10	2	10	2	CHECKERBOARD, GATHERED 1987	4/89
TRUCKEE RANGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	CHECKERBOARD, GATHERED 1987	
WARM SPRINGS	294	10	584	22	290	12	GATHERED 1988	7/89
EAST RANGE	0	0	2	0	2	0	CHECKERBOARD	8/89
TOTALS	3481	153	6076	258	2240	105		

AML's are listed for information purposes only. Population estimates are based on a 11% yearly increase. On June 7, 1989 IBLA issued a decision that found the AML's listed in the 1982 MFP III were not properly established.