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Winnemucca District Office 705 East 4th Street Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

In Reply Refer To:

8372 (NV-026.8, NV-026.7)

July 28, 1995

Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses 255 West Moana, Suite 207A Reno, NV 89509

Dear Ms. Barcomb:

Enclosed is a map outlining the number of wild horses and burros found in the vicinity of the proposed Western States Motorcycle Association "Pony Soldier Massacre Ride". The number and concentration areas of animals shown are based on a June 28 and 29, 1995 helicopter census of the Selenite Herd Area, and the Shawave/Nightingale Mountains Herd Management Areas.

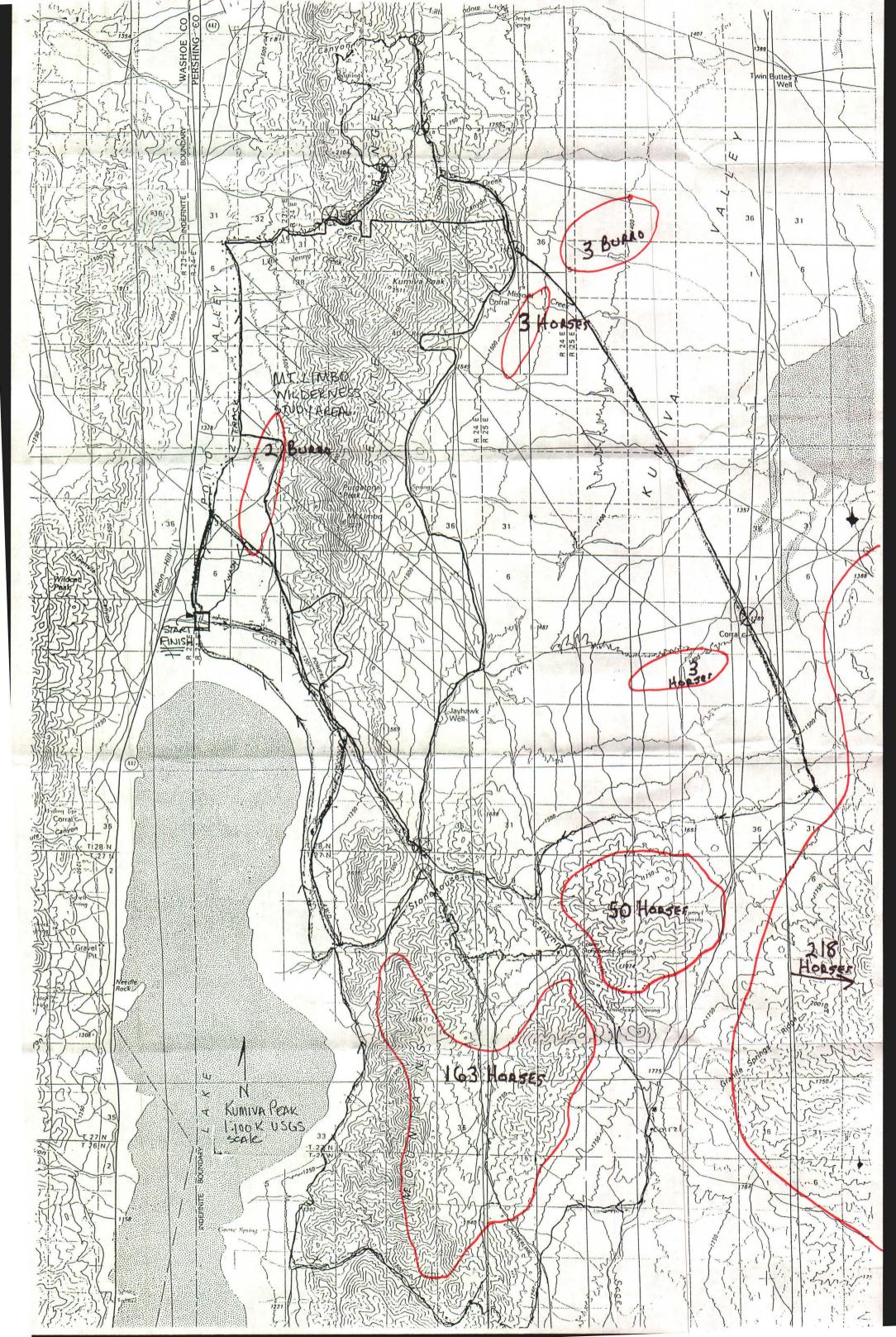
If you have any additional questions concerning the removal, please contact Tom Seley or Desna Young at (702) 623-1500.

Sincerely yours,

Bud Cribley, Area Manager Sonoma-Gerlach Resource Area

Attachments (1)

Map Of Horse/Burro Concentrations





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> In Reply Refer To: 8372 (NV-26.7)

July 12, 1995

Dear Public Land User:

We are reviewing an application for a Special Recreation Use Permit (SRUP) from Western States Motorcycle Association to conduct a motorcycle race in the Mt. Limbo/Nightingale Mountain area on September 16-17, 1995 (see attached map).

Part of the review process involves a field reconnaissance of the area and gathering of information to be included in the Environmental Assessment to be prepared by my staff.

We are interested in your comments and concerns as they may relate to this particular event. Please notify this office with a written statement prior to August 15, 1995. If you need further clarification on this proposed event please contact Desna Young, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 702-673-1701. If you determine that you are an affected interest please reply in writing to this office. A copy of the Environmental Assessment will be available upon request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bud Cribley, Area Manager Sonoma-Gerlach Resource Area

Rod Herrick for

Attachments (2)

- 1. Map
- 2. Background Information

Background and Event Description SRUP Application N2-13-95

The proposed activity is a competitive, nonhighway motorcycle race within the Sonoma-Gerlach Resource Area on lands administered by the USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and designated Open to Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) use.

Western States Racing Association has previously sponsored motorcycle events under BLM permits in the Winnemucca and Carson City Districts.

Riders would start in groups of similar rider abilities with experts starting first. There would be two loops connected at the start/finish area. Each loop would be run only once. Races would begin at 9:00 a.m. and finish by 5 p.m. on September 17, 1995.

Approximately 100-150 riders could participate. Camping, refueling and the race pit would be near the start/finish area. Other competitors would stay in Gerlach or Reno.

The event area included lands east of Hwy 447, north of Winnemucca Lake, Mt Limbo Pass, Kumiva Valley and the Nightingale Mountains. All route miles would be dirt roads, jeep trails, fenceline roads, and dry washes. Short sections of single track trails would be used to connect washes or to avoid more sensitive areas if needed.

The map shows the proposed route. The route is primarily on public lands. The course would be marked with flagging and paper arrows attached to wooded stakes. These would be installed the day before the race and removed within two weeks following the day of the race.

Physical impacts to the ground and vegetation in the area along the trails are expected to be minimal. Damage may occur to developments (fences, gates, etc.) would be repaired by the sponsor immediately following the event.

