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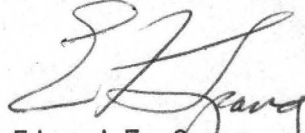
Dear Sir/Madam:

The Bureau of Land Management proposes to gather excess wild horses and burros from public lands in the State of Nevada no sooner than 28 days from the date of this letter. The proposed gather will be conducted in the Winnemucca District in the areas shown in the enclosed map and as described below.

<u>Area Name</u>	<u>Environmental Analysis Record Number</u>	<u>Reason for Gathering</u>	<u>Number to Be Removed</u>	<u>Approximate Number to Remain</u>
Osgood Mtns.	NV-020-5-26	Implement Land Use Planning to remove animals from checkerboard land.	30	0
Hot Springs Range	NV-020-5-26	Implement Land Use Planning to remove animals from checkerboard land.	124	0
Bloody Run Hills	NV-020-5-26	Implement Land Use Planning to remove animals from checkerboard land.	276	0
North and South Slumbering Hills	NV-020-5-26	Implement Land Use Planning to remove animals from checkerboard land.	30	0
Krum Hills	NV-020-5-26	Implement Land Use Planning to remove animals from checkerboard land.	15	0
Sonoma Range	NV-020-5-18	Implement Land Use Planning to remove animals from checkerboard land.	391	0

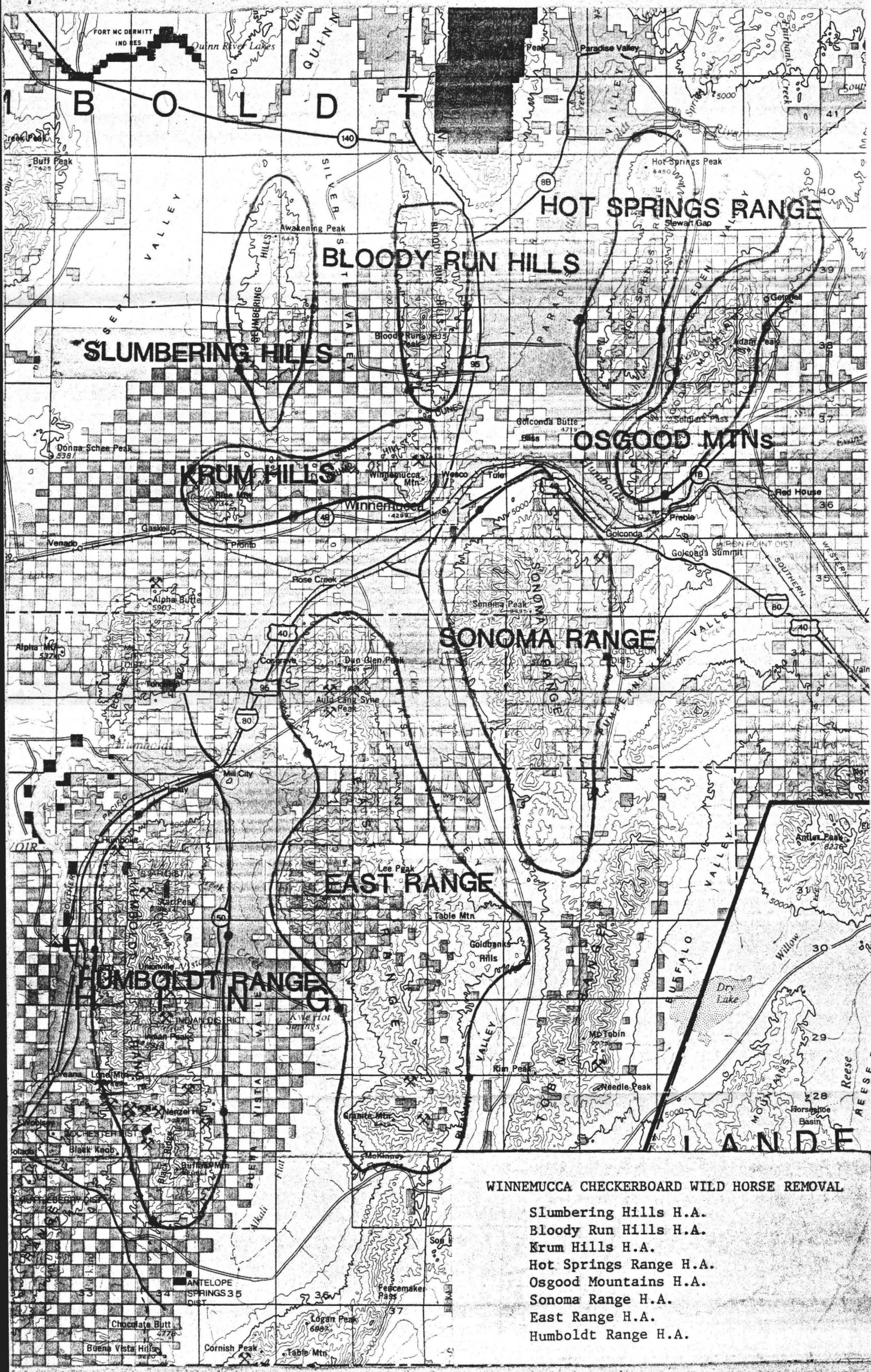
<u>Area Name</u>	<u>Environmental Analysis Record Number</u>	<u>Reason for Gathering</u>	<u>Number to Be Removed</u>	<u>Approximate Number to Remain</u>
East Range	NV-020-5-12	Implement Land Use Planning to remove animals from checkerboard land.	371	0
Humboldt Range	NV-020-5-12	Implement Land Use Planning to remove animals from checkerboard land.	15	0

Sincerely,



Edward F. Spang
State Director, Nevada

1 Enclosure
Encl. 1 - Capture Area Map



WINNEMUCCA CHECKERBOARD WILD HORSE REMOVAL

- Slumbering Hills H.A.
- Bloody Run Hills H.A.
- Krum Hills H.A.
- Hot Springs Range H.A.
- Osgood Mountains H.A.
- Sonoma Range H.A.
- East Range H.A.
- Humboldt Range H.A.



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September 17, 1986

Commission for the Preservation
of Wild Horses
c/o Terri Jay, Executive Director
625 Fairview, Suite 111
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Mr. Jay:

The Winnemucca District proposes to remove 1,270 excess wild horses and burros from nine Herd Areas located within our checkerboard area. The gathering will begin about October 14. Within the next few days our state office will send you the 28-Day Notice for the proposed action.

You received the Environmental Analyses (EAs) and removal (capture) plans for the removal of these excess 1,270 animals in April of 1986. Based upon the comments/suggestions our office received, the following items will be added to the Paradise-Denio Checkerboard Removal Plan, and also to Humboldts/West Humboldts/East Range and the Sonoma Range Removal Plans. These items will also be added to the gathering contract as stipulations.

1. The helicopter shall be used in such a manner that bands or herds will tend to remain together.

The rate of movement shall not exceed limitations set by the COR who shall consider terrain, weather, distance to be traveled, and condition of the animals.

2. Vehicles used for transportation shall be in compliance with appropriate State and Federal laws and regulations applicable to the humane transportation of horses and burros.

Vehicles shall be in good repair, of adequate rated capacity, and operated so as to insure that captured animals are transported without undue risk or injury. Bobtail trucks and trucks with stockracks may not be used to transport animals from traps to holding facilities. Only stock trailers will be allowed for this purpose.

3. The number of animals to be loaded and transported in any vehicles shall be as directed by the COR and may include limitations on numbers according to age, size, sex, temperament, and animal condition.

4. The COR shall consider the condition of the animals, weather conditions, type of vehicles, and distance to be transported when planning for the movement of captured animals.
5. Prior to commencement of work, the Contractor shall be required to present for inspection by the COR all equipment that will be used.

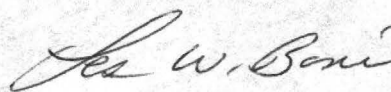
At that time, he/she will be given a map showing the latest census of the area, and all roads and fences, and potential trap sites.

6. On page 4 of the plans you received, the statement that BLM employees will ride in the contract helicopter to monitor removal operations while the helicopter is under the project work contract has been deleted. BLM employees will only ride in an OAS approved aircraft using an approved OAS pilot.
7. On page 6 of the plans you received, number 4 was modified to include the use of an observation helicopter to monitor the removal operations.
8. On page 6 of the plans you received, paragraph number 12 was changed from 100 to 150 miles to include the maximum boundary of removal operations. This modification will also lengthen the helicopter time to a maximum of two hours.

The above changes will not require a change in the EAs.

You are invited and encouraged to review the Winnemucca District's removal operations. Further, if there are aspects of the Winnemucca District's Wild Horse and Burro program you wish to discuss, please contact the Winnemucca District at (702) 623-3676.

Sincerely yours,


For Frank C. Shields
District Manager