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Dear Sir or Madam:

We are soliciting input for the Spruce Allotment 10 year grazing permit. This letter is being sent to you either because your grazing allotment/grazing permit is one that the Wells Field Office will renew in 2009 or you have asked to be included as part of the interested public for this allotment. We will be compiling and analyzing all available data for this allotment. Please submit any data or information that you have which you think would be helpful for this renewal. As data are compiled and analyzed, they will be provided to you for review.

In 2003, the BLM issued an Instruction Memorandum (No. 2003-071) which requires all [carryover] grazing permits to be fully processed using the information from the land health standards evaluations as needed to complete environmental impact analysis. Thus, the BLM's administrative process for permit renewal now requires that the Elko District, including the Wells Field Office, complies with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by completing an environmental analysis and appropriate environmental document for each permit renewal. The NEPA process requires the BLM to issue a scoping document in order to allow public comment and input on the proposed permit renewal. The purpose of this letter is to begin the public scoping process as required by NEPA.

This can be a lengthy process and will require several levels of consultation with the permittees, interested public as well as other governmental agencies. We would like your participation throughout this process and will keep you informed of all proposed field tours and meetings.

While the field office is managing its workload to ensure permits are processed in a timely manner, occasionally the BLM has discovered that in some cases it could take one year or more to process the permit renewals. Please provide your data to this office by December 1, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Thompson, Rangeland Management Specialist for the Spruce Allotment and Wild Horse and Burro Specialist for the Elko District at (775) 753-0200.

Sincerely,

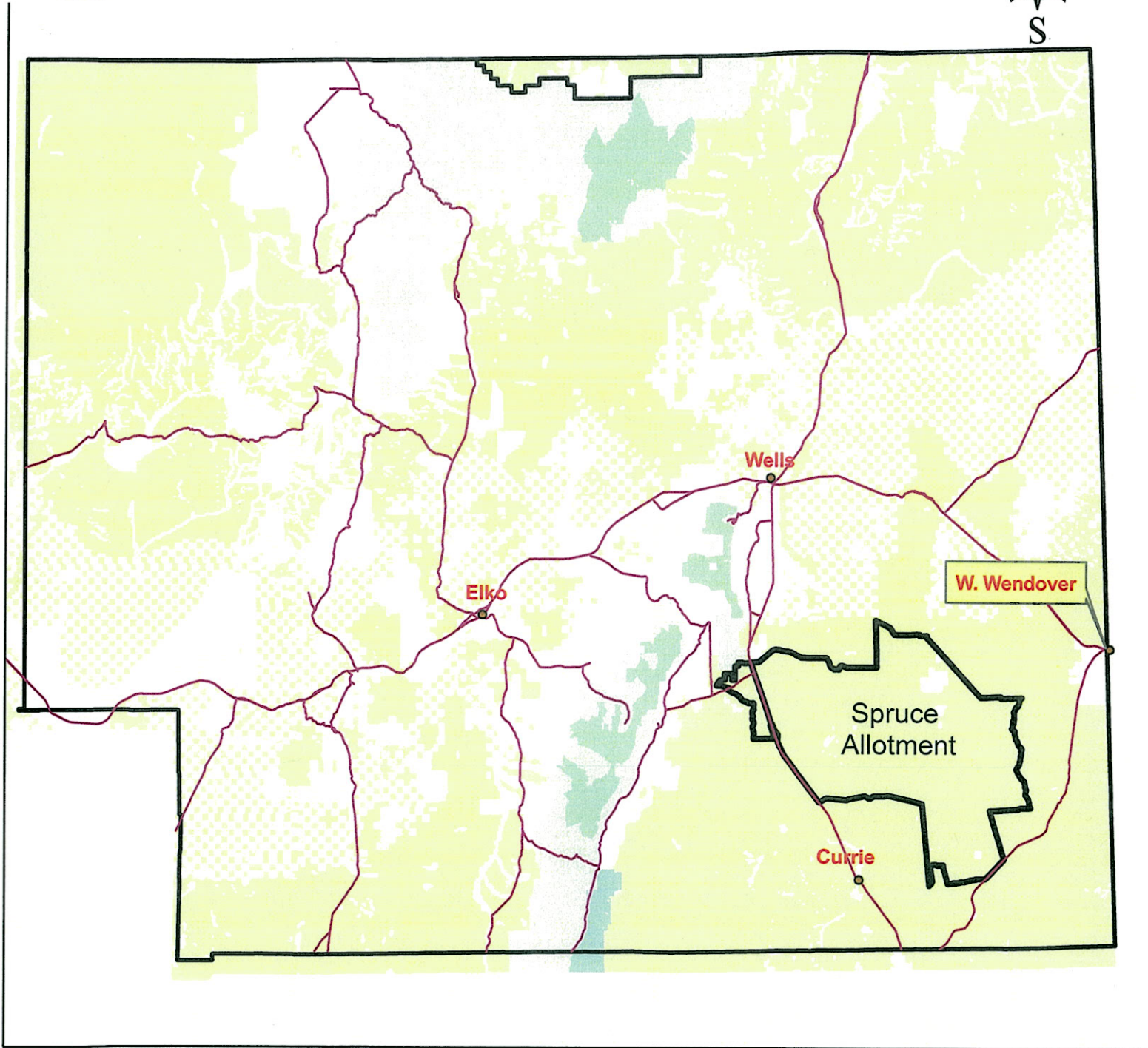
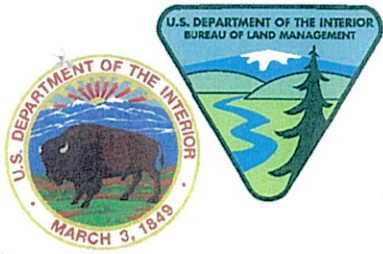
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Spruce Allotment Location



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Data published in:
North American Datum 1983 (NAD83)
UTM coordinates, Zone 11, meters