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Reply to: 5430

Date: April 27, 1992

Kathy Barcomb
Wild Horse Preservation Commission
Stewart Facility
Capitol Complex
Carson City, NV. 89710

Dear Kathy:

Enclosed is the recent correspondence concerning the potential acquisition of parcels owned by Willie Wolfe in the Montgomery Pass Wild Horse Territory.

The parcels contain important water sources for wild horses in this portion of the Inyo National Forest, known as the "Pizona Area". We had previously discussed the possibility of a land exchange with Mr. Wolfe, until he recently indicated an interest in selling his parcels.

A map of each parcel area is also provided for your information. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact Bill Bramlette, District Ranger, or myself at the Lee Vining office.

Sincerely,


Rick Murray
Lands Assistant

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873 N. Main St.
Bishop, CA 93514
(619) 873-2400

Reply to: 5430

Date: April 20, 1992

Mr. Willie Wolfe
P.O. Box 2803
Tonopah, NV 89049

Dear Willie:

Mono Lake District Ranger Bill Bramlette has asked that I provide you with the following legal descriptions of some of your properties that we're interested in acquiring in the Pizona area of the Inyo National Forest.

<u>PARCEL NAME</u>	<u>PARCEL SIZE</u>	<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>
McBride Springs	80 acres	W1/2NE1/4 of Section 2, T.1N., R.31E., MDM
McNamara Lake	40 Acres	SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 12, T.1N., R.31E., MDM
Truman Meadows	600 Acres	SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 7; NW1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4 of Section 8; and S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, and S1/2NE1/4 of Section 9, all in T.1N., R.32E., MDM

If you have any questions or need any other information we can help you with concerning these properties, please contact either Bill or myself.

Sincerely,

/s/

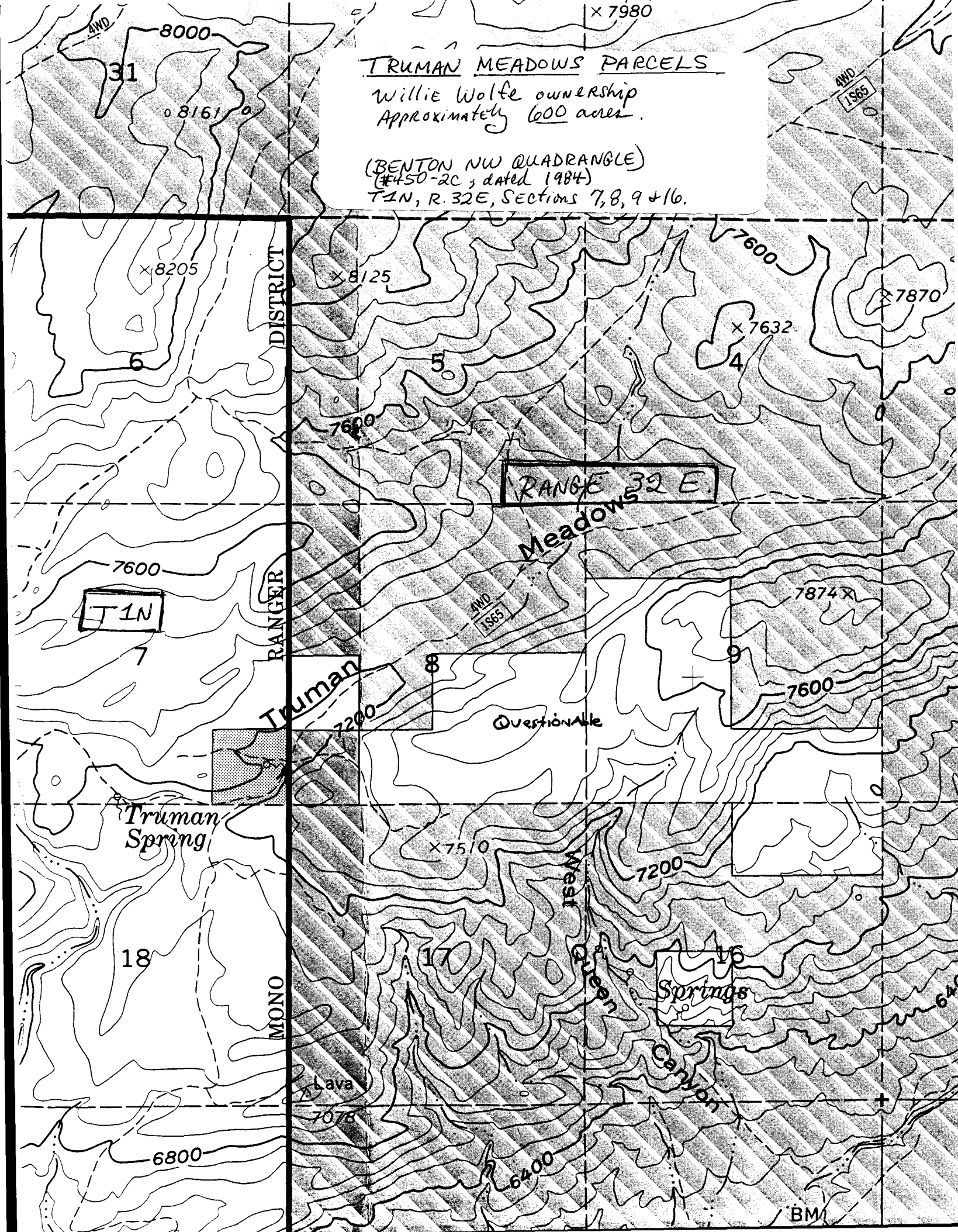
RANDALL KARSTAEDT
Forest Lands Assistant

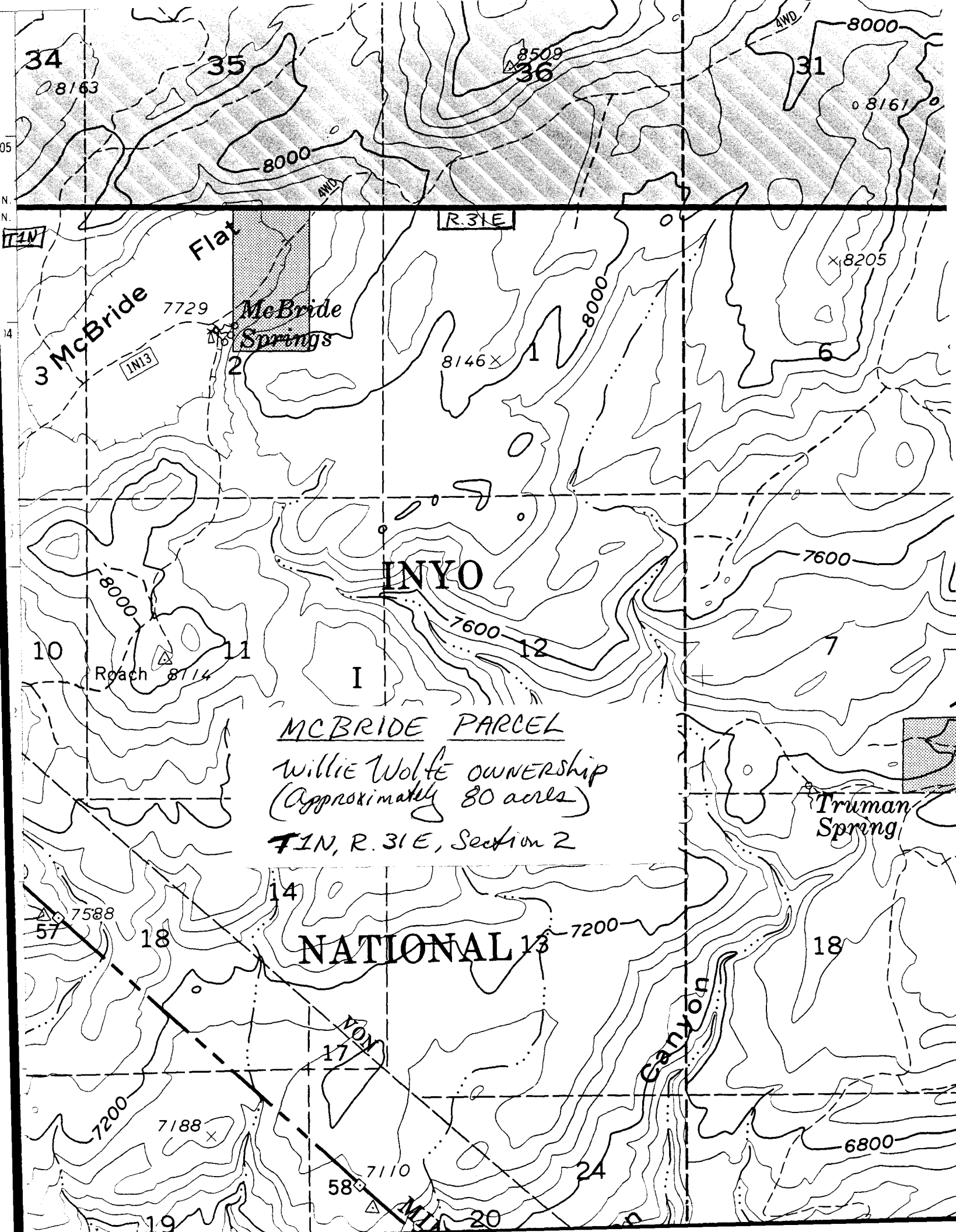
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TRUMAN MEADOWS PARCELS

Willie Wolfe ownership
Approximately 600 acres.

(BENTON NW QUADRANGLE)
#450-2C, dated 1984
T1N, R. 32E, SECTIONS 7, 8, 9 & 16.





MCBRIDE PARCEL
Willie Wolfe ownership
(Approximately 80 acres)
T1N, R. 31E, Section 2

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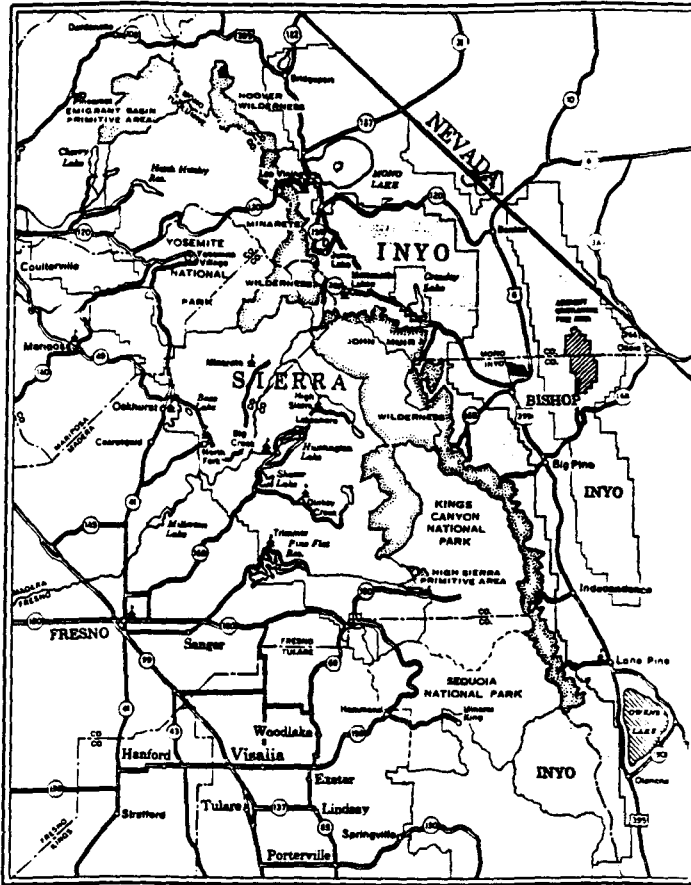
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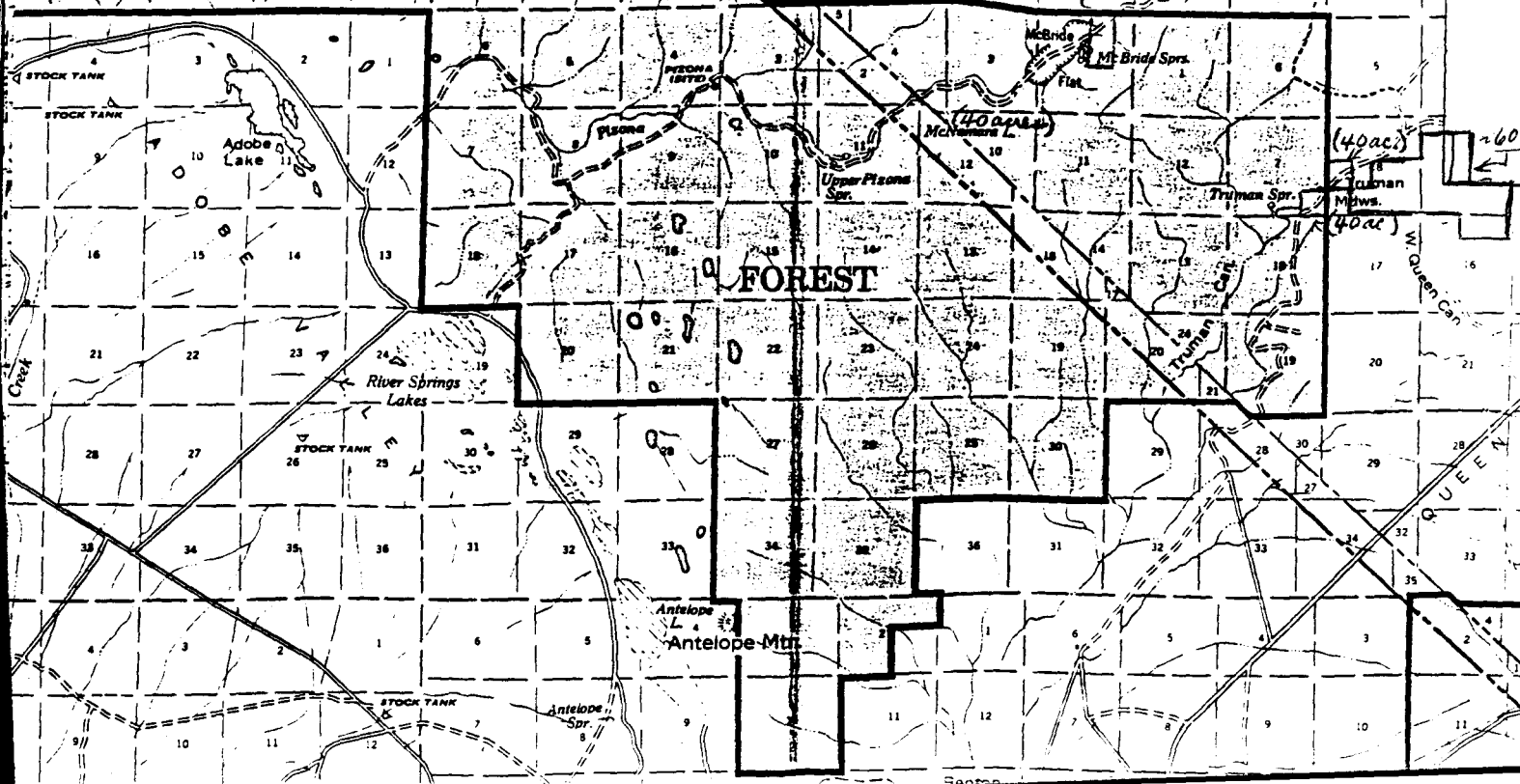
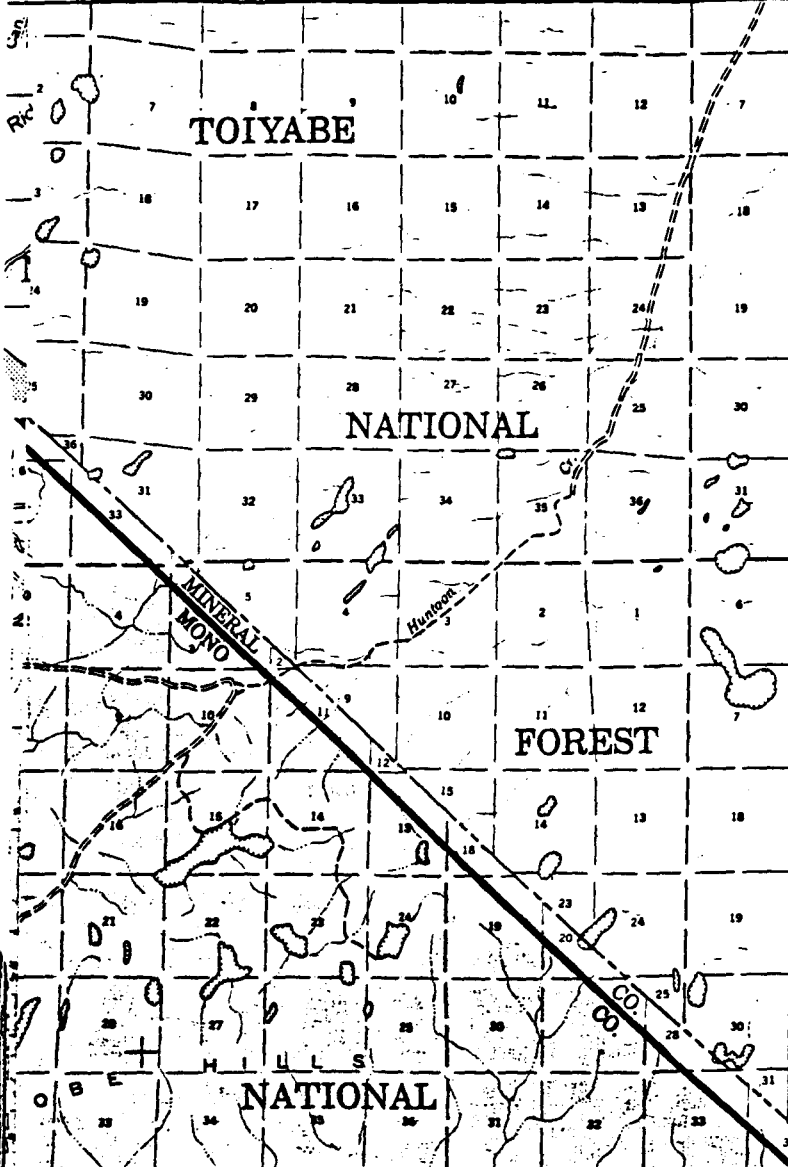
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INYO NATIONAL FOREST
VICINITY MAP



□ Willie Wolfe parcels (approximate)
VICINITY MAP
Map Scale: 1/2 in. = 1 mile



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Date: March 30, 1992

The Trust For Public Land
Attn: Kevin Knowles
116 New Montgomery St, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA. 94105

Dear Mr. Knowles:

As a followup to the telephone conversation that our Forest Lands Assistant, Randy Karstaedt, recently had with Bob Flewelling of your office, enclosed is a portion of our forest map showing the location of the scattered inholdings we are interested in acquiring. These parcels total approximately 200 acres and are owned by Mr. Willie Wolfe, P.O. Box 427, Mina, Nevada, 89422; phone number (702) 573-9900.

The parcels contain some of the important sources of water (springs) in this large portion of the Inyo National Forest known as the "Pizona Area". As such, these parcels serve as gathering and critical foaling areas for a wild horse herd which inhabits this area in Nevada and California. All of this land, except for a very minute part of one parcel, is located in Nevada near the California border. A critical action identified in our Montgomery Pass Coordinated Resource Management Plan (prepared in 1988) is the acquisition of the private land inholdings for the future protection of the wild horse territory.

Over the past few years, we have discussed the possibility of a land exchange with Mr. Wolfe, whereby he was interested in acquiring some National Forest lands along U.S. Highway 6 near the Nevada-California border in exchange for the subject parcels. However, Mr. Wolfe recently indicated to us that he would also consider sale of the parcels to a third party if he receives a price that he feels is reasonable and, therefore, avoid personally incurring his costs of a direct land exchange with us.

Your organization might be able to serve as that third party entity, should you be willing to do so. There is a considerable amount of interest in the Forest Service acquiring title to these parcels and managing them for wild horse habitat. Consequently, the National Mustang Association has offered to fund an appraisal of these parcels which you could use as a basis in your negotiations with Mr. Wolfe. A person you can contact to discuss this further is:

Richard Sewing, Director
National Mustang Assn, Inc.- National Headquarters
1st and Main Street
Newcastle, Utah, 84756; or by phone at (801) 439-5440.

Attached is a copy of our recent correspondence with Mr. Sewing for your information.

Your role as an intermediary owner of these parcels would probably be one in which you either enter into a subsequent land exchange directly with the Forest Service, or in turn offer the property to an exchange proponent. We are working with another case that needs such land to offer us to make an exchange possible. In either case, current exchange authorities limit us to consider National Forest lands only within the State of Nevada for the parcels. However, those lands would not necessarily need to be located within the Inyo National Forest, but could be within any National Forest in Nevada. We've already informed Toiyabe National Forest Realty Specialist, Marcia Joseph, about this case, and she is willing to discuss with you the identification of National Forest lands within the Toiyabe which your organization might wish to acquire in exchange for these parcels. Unfortunately, it's our opinion that these parcels may not even qualify for direct purchase funding under the Land and Water Conservation Fund, thereby eliminating the option of direct purchase from you.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Randy at the Supervisor's Office in Bishop at (619) 873-2434.

Sincerely,



BILL BRAMLETTE
District Ranger

enclosures

cc: Marcia Joseph, Toiyabe N.F.

National Mustang Association

Willie Wolfe

NATIONAL MUSTANG ASS'N. INC.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

1st and MAIN STREET

NEWCASTLE, UTAH 84756

PHONE (801) 439-5440

March 17, 1992

Bill Bramlette
District Ranger
P. O. Box 429
Lee Vining, CA 93541

Dear Bill:

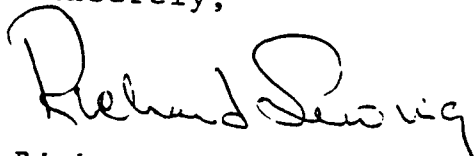
In regards to our telephone conversation of 3/13/92 concerning the Willy Wolf land exchange or buy out, I don't believe that the NMA can become involved in a possible buy out at this time as we have prior commitments in Utah.

However, the Board of Directors did vote to pay for a land appraisal of the Willy Wolf ranch for an amount not to exceed \$3000.00. Perhaps this will give you more leverage in dealing with Mr. Wolf.

I will try to keep in touch with you on the progress of the land exchange, as I feel that it is the best approach.

Have the appraiser bill both the Ranger District and the NMA jointly and we will send you or the appraiser a check. Which ever is preferable.

Sincerely,



Richard Sewing
Director



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Date: NOVEMBER 20, 1990

DAVE DUNSHEE, MAI
3855 N. WEST AVE, SUITE 110
FRESNO, CA 93705

Dear Dave,

Enclosed are two maps showing parcels of land owned by Mr. Willie Wolfe of Mina, Nevada. Mr. Wolfe is interested in exchanging approximately ~~200~~⁷²⁰ acres in Nevada for a portion of National Forest land located north of Benton, California.

The private parcels are shown in yellow on the quadrangle map in three separate areas known as McNamara Lake (40 acres), McBride Springs (30 acres) and Truman Springs (~~two 40-acre~~^{60-acre} parcels). These parcels are surrounded by National Forest systems lands administered by the Mono Lake Ranger District.

Mr. Wolfe desires to have a preliminary appraisal of these properties for a potential value-for-value exchange for federally owned property north of the Nevada border on Highway 6, as shown in red shading on the map.

If you have any questions or need further assistance on this matter, please contact Randy Karstaedt, the Forest Lands Officer, in Bishop at (619) 373-5841, or myself at the Lee Vining Ranger Station (619) 647-6525.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


RICK MURRAY
District Lands Assistant

*additional
acres increased
at Truman shows
to include more
land.*

Willie Wolfe
P. o. Box 427
Mina, Nevada 89422

NOV 1990

November 14, 1990

Forest Service
P. O. Box 429
Lee Vining, Calif. 93541

ATTENTION: Bill Bramlette

Gentlemen:

Subject: Land trade

I am interested in a land trade of my Truman Meadows, McBride Springs, McNamara Lake (approx. 200 acres) properties for the 40 acre \pm on each side of highway 6 (approx. 80 acre) indicated by the red square on the enclosed map (section 34).

Very truly yours,

Willie Wolfe
Willie Wolfe