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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
SURPRISE RESOURCE AREA  
P.O. BOX 460  
CEDARVILLE, CALIFORNIA 96104-0460

IN REPLY REFER TO:

8500(CA-028)

September 5, 1990

Dawn Lappin  
WHOA  
15640 Sylvester Road  
Reno, NV 89511

Dear Dawn:

You have expressed an interest in receiving advance notice of any actions that are being proposed for a Wilderness Study Area (WSA) within the Susanville District of the Bureau of Land Management.

Enclosed for your review is a notice of a 100 acre prescribed burn in the High Rock Canyon area. This action will take place within the Little High Rock Canyon WSA (#CA-020-913A/NV-020-088), High Rock Canyon WSA (#CA-020-913B) and East Fork High Rock Canyon WSA (#CA-020-9141/NV-020-006A).

All comments and questions should be referred to the Surprise Resource Area Manager for his consideration and use in evaluating the proposed action. We would appreciate it if you would submit any comments within 30 days to:

J. Anthony Danna  
Bureau of Land Management  
Surprise Resource Area  
P.O. Box 460  
Cedarville, CA 96104

Sincerely,

J. Anthony Danna  
Surprise Resource Area Manager

Enclosure

## Notice of Proposed Action in Wilderness Study Area

State: Nevada

County: Washoe

District: Susanville, CA

Area: Surprise Resource Area, Cedarville, CA

WSA: Number	Name	Acreage
CA-020-913A/ NV-020-008	Little High Rock Canyon	52,143
CA-020-913B	High Rock Canyon	33,985
CA-020-914 NV-020-006A	East Fork High Rock Canyon	52,639

Date of 30 days notification period ends: October 8, 1990

1. Description of Action

In the month of October 1990, approximately 100 acres of riparian floodplain on the floor of High Rock and Little High Rock canyons will be burned in blocks not exceeding 20 acres in size. This would be the first year of a five year project to eventually burn approximately 500 acres on the canyon floodplains.

2. Location of Action

See attached map.

3. Description of Activity

The project seeks to change the vegetation pattern and species composition on 500 acres of dry meadow floodplain sites in the High Rock Canyon area from predominantly brush dominated communities to a mixture of brush, grass and brush/grass sites over a five year period starting in 1990. Prescribed burning will be the management tool used to make the change. Burning will be carried out on approximately 100 acres per year. No more than 20 acres will be burned in any one block. No control lines will be established and ignition will be by hand. No cross country vehicle travel will be used in the project. All burning will be done in the fall under the following conditions: 70° to 80° F, 20 to 30% relative humidity, 8 to 12 mph SW winds with ignition delayed until well into the afternoon to limit the spread of the fire.

Ignition and holding techniques will be designed to protect foundations of historic homesteads at Conlan Camp, the mouth of Pole Canyon and the mouth of Yellow Rock Canyon. The project will require no reclamation and no grazing will be allowed on the project area.

The purpose of the project is multifold. First to return the burned sites to their potential natural vegetational communities, second to increase vegetational diversity and forage quality for a wide range of non-game wildlife species and thirdly to improve the prey base for a potential peregrine falcon introduction.

4. Chronology of Events

Cowhead/Massacre EIS, 1980

Cowhead/Massacre MFP, 1981

High Rock Habitat Management Plan, 1984

Prescribed Burn Plan Prepared, 1989

Burning: October, 1990

Future Planned Burning: October 1991 through October  
1994

5. Contact for Further Information

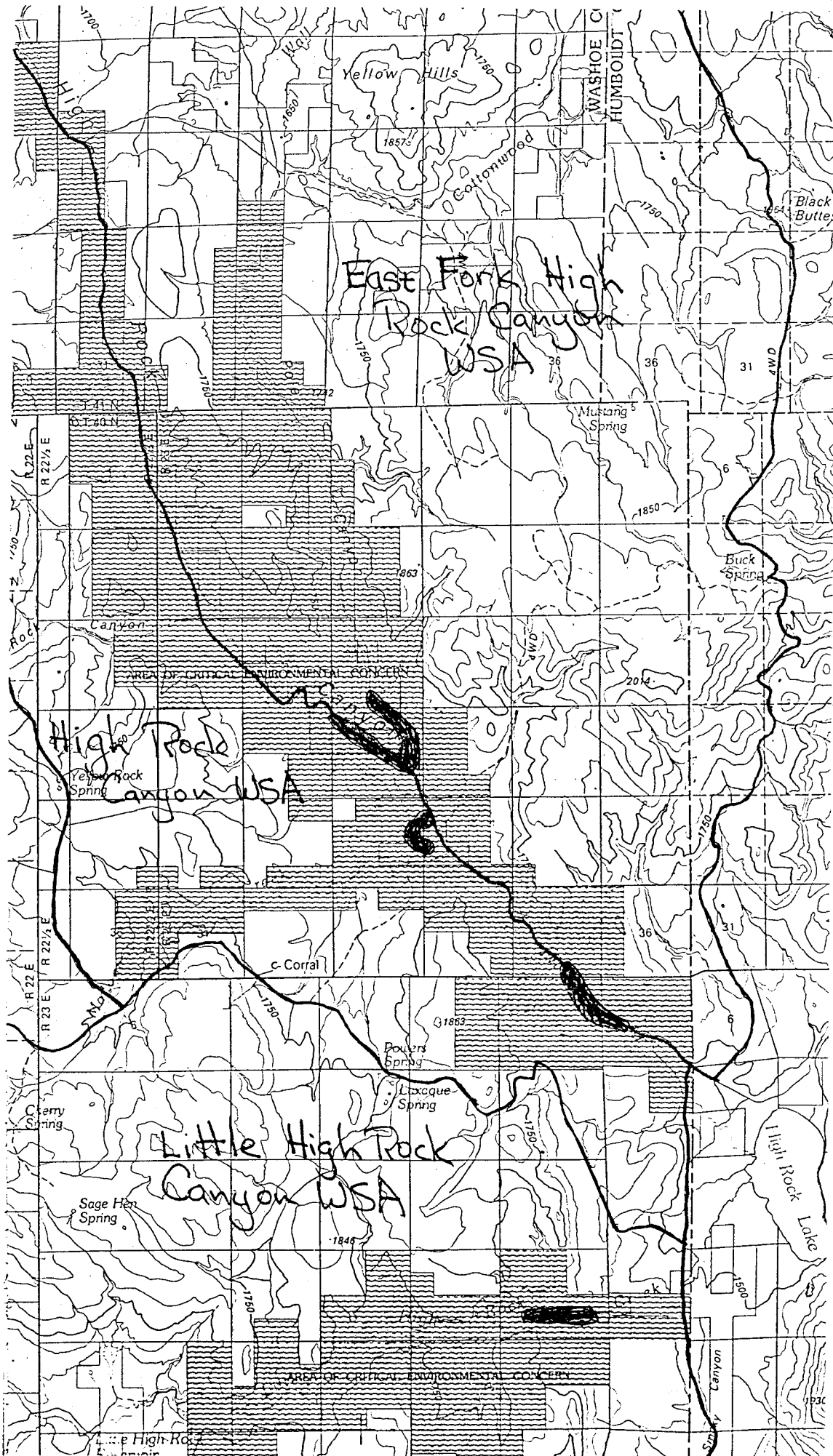
J. Anthony Danna  
Area Manager

or

Roger Farschon  
Wildlife Biologist

Surprise Resource Area  
Bureau of Land Management  
Cedarville, California 96104  
(916) 279-6101

# HIGH ROCK BURN



■ Proposed Burn Areas

Scale: 1:100,000



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September 4, 1990

Dawn Lappin  
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Reno, NV 89511

Dear Dawn:

You have expressed an interest in receiving advance notice of any actions that are being proposed for a Wilderness Study Area (WSA) within the Susanville District of the Bureau of Land Management.

Enclosed for your review is a notice of a horse gathering of the High Rock (Little High Rock Area) Herd Management Area. This action will take place within the Little High Rock Canyon WSA (#CA-020-913A/NV-020-088), Yellow Rock Canyon WSA (#CA-020-913A) and High Rock Canyon WSA (#CA-020-913B).

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September 4, 1990

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION Wild Horses in WSA'S

State: Nevada  
County: Washoe  
District: Susanville, CA  
Area: Surprise Resource Area, Cedarville, CA

WSA:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
	CA-020-913A/ NV-020-008	Little High Rock Canyon	52,143
	CA-020-913A	Yellow Rock Canyon	13,050
	CA-020-913A	High Rock Canyon	33,985

Date of 30 days notification period ends: September 30, 1990

### 1. Description of Action

In the fall of 1990, in the month of October, 50-60 wild horses will be gathered in portions of the above WSA's. Of those horses gathered, 20-30 horses will be removed and 30 will be returned to the range as specified in the High Rock Herd Management Area Plan.

### 2. Location of Action

See map.

### 3. Description of Activity

Approximately 50-60 horses will be gathered in the High Rock (Little High Rock Area) Herd Management Area (CA-264) this fall in the month of October. The horses are located in the above three WSA's. Gathering will be by helicopter. The gathering period will be from one to two days. The horses will be herded by helicopter approximately 5-10 miles to the trap site. The trap site is located in the Little High Rock Canyon WSA 913. There will be some soil disturbance within the trap due to trampling by horses. The trap will be set up and removed by vehicle using the existing way into the site. There will be overland travel to setup and disassemble the trap. All removal of horses by vehicle from the trap will be done on the existing way. All vehicle traffic will be kept to a minimum on existing ways.

After the gather and trap removal the site will be rehabilitated based on specified mitigation and this activity will not adversely affect the evaluation of the above WSA's. The High Rock (Little High Rock Area) wild horse gather EA is available upon request.

4. Chronology of Events

Cowhead/Massacre EIS, 1980

Cowhead/Massacre MFP, 1981

High Rock Herd Management Area Plan, 1985

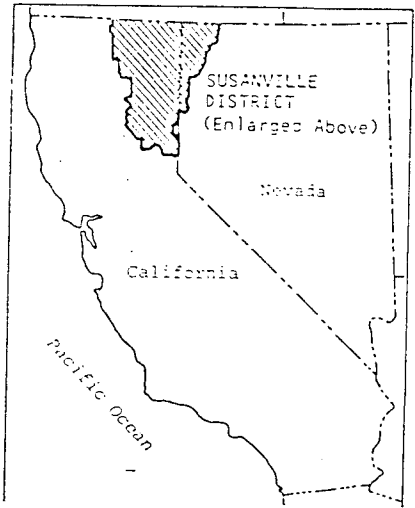
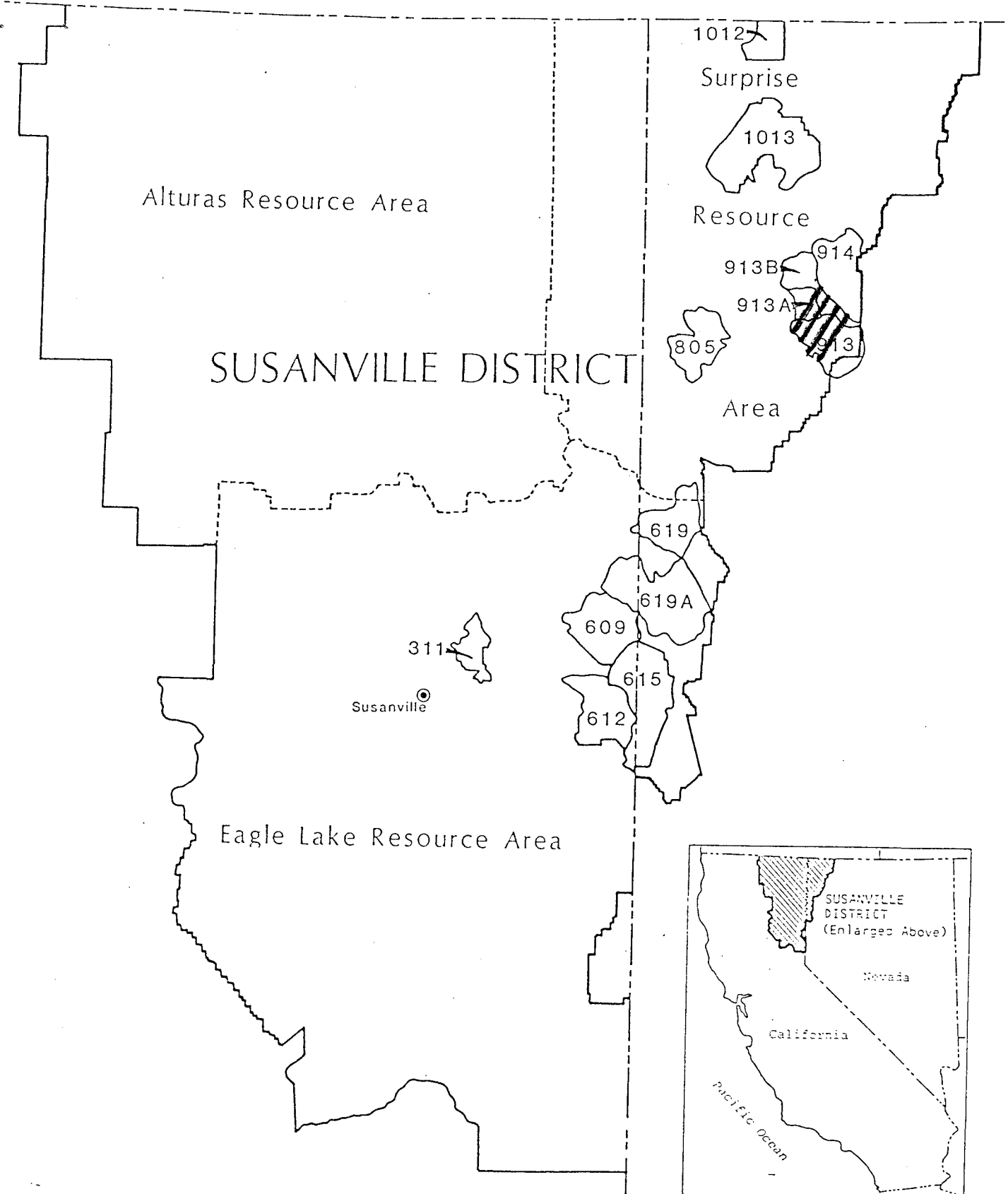
High Rock Herd Management Area Plan, Revised 1989

Proposed Helicopter Gathering Wild Horse and Burro Plan for FY'91,  
June 1990

Notification of Proposed Helicopter Gather of Wild Horses and Burros for  
FY'91, Federal Register. Vol. 55, N. 120. Thursday, June 21, 1990

High Rock (Little High Rock Area) Wild Horse Gather EA, September 1990

High Rock (Little High Rock Area) Horse Gather, October 1990



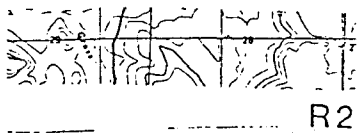


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
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TRAP LOCATION

# LITTLE HIGH ROCK CANYON #913



Key:

High Rock Herd Area Boundary 

Horse Removal Route 



HIGH ROCK  
HERD MANAGEMENT AREA

Legend: 1/2 inch = 1 mile

— Approximate Home Range Boundry Line

The Home Range unit depicts where bands of horses tend to summer. The number of horses for each home range are only approximations based on BLM's past observations. These areas are not totally isolated from one another. A considerable amount of interchange between bands occurs during the winter.

