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Dear Roger:

*Montgomery Pass*

I hope all is well with you. I am writing to update you on the ~~Montgomery Pass~~ Wild Horse Territory (MPWHT). First, we have completed the 1993 horse counts based on ground surveys and fixed-wing/helicopter censuses. I will be compiling the data into a summary in November/December and will send you a copy for the CRMP file.

The mountain lion portion of the database is in the process of collation, and this will include 1987-1993 compilations. This year, as in previous years, predation on foals was significant and has continued into the Fall. We have expanded our efforts on lion monitoring, with 3 new lions radiocollared this year. Also, Dr. Mike Morrison (U.C., Berkeley/U. Arizona) has joined our research effort and will spearhead the lion work from this point forward. I have also requested and received approval (see attached letter) for closure of the Nevada side of the area to lion hunting as of September 1993. This will last until rescinded, at least until 1998. We are also beginning discussions with California Fish and Game about working lions in California again.

Regarding the horse nutritional data and summer range forage preferences, Linda Coates-Markle has done an impressive job this Summer and Fall. The tireless, dedicated effort by Linda and her assistant, Katia, has produced a wealth of data which will be analyzed as Linda progresses with her doctoral thesis. Valuable horse i.d. data were also obtained during their work. Linda will continue next year with this effort, and Katia has expressed interest in joining the lion research effort in pursuit of a M.S. degree.

I have attempted to keep Bonnie Pritchard informed of these activities. While I was unsure earlier this summer of Bonnie's interest in these efforts, she set-up and participated in the September Utilization and Census in committed, efficient fashion. We have since discussed the MPWHT and our respective goals and concerns, and I believe that we both feel that things will continue to proceed well.

It is my continuing belief that the CRMP for the MPWHT, with integration of research and its application to management, is an excellent program, and that the MPWHT stands out as a successful model of sound resource management.

Sincerely,

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MEETING COMMENTS -  
+ NOTES

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10pm - 2am. interrogations  
psychologist  
consulted + indexed  
115 testimonies

Walt embezzled \$ large amounts  
illegal horse trades, grain, feed, gas

\$'s Turner \$100 for h's vs \$800 billed

Michael Wolf. originally worked w/ Turner

F.S. publishes summary yearly investigations

\* ask for  
get cc of contract between F.S. + Turner

Turner no permit to fly  
quality of report

Mark Merkle Congressman Numa

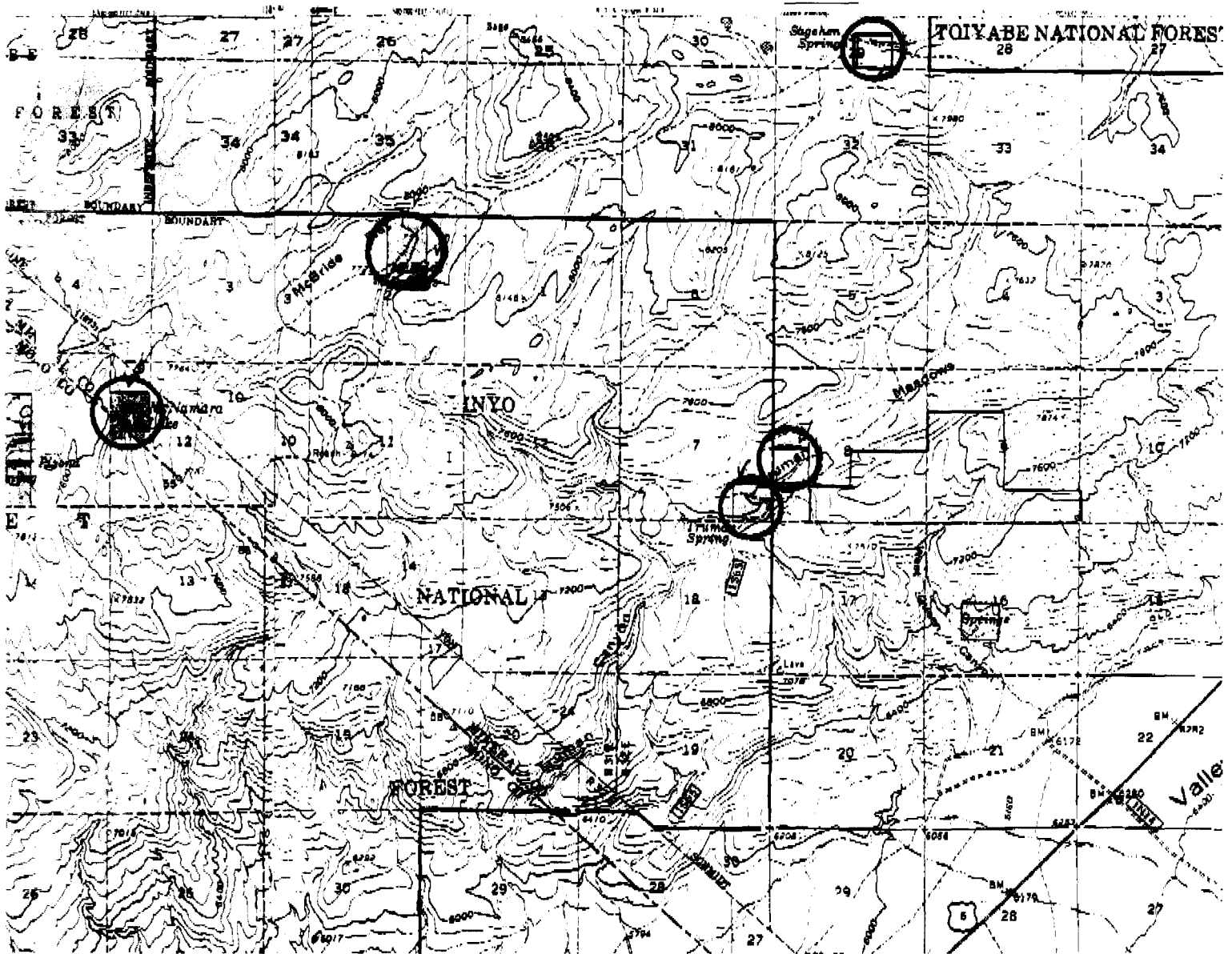
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Here's a map and legal descriptions of the 5 primary parcels of interest in the Montgomery Pass Wild Horse Territory we would be interested in acquiring. (240 Acres) - Applicable legal descriptions ARE UNDERLINED.



**PARCEL NAME:** NEVADA WILD HORSE LANDS (MONTGOMERY PASS WILD HORSE TERRITORY)

**LOCATION:** McBRIDE SPRINGS PARCEL--80 ACRES (W1/2NE1/4, Section 2, T. 1 N., R. 31 E.)

TRUMAN MEADOWS PARCEL--600 ACRES (SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 7; NW1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 8; S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4 of Section 9, T. 1 N., R. 32 E.)

20 Acres

McNAMARA LAKE PARCEL---40 ACRES (SW1/4NW1/4, Section 12, T. 1 N., R. 31 E.)

SAGEHEN SPRINGS PARCEL--40 ACRES (SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 29, T. 2 N., R. 32 E.)

W.QUEEN CANYON PARCEL---40 ACRES (NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 16, T. 1 N., R. 32 E.)

All Legal Descriptions  
Mount Diablo Base +  
Meridian

**EST. ACRES:** 800 (Total)

**OWNERS:** VARIOUS

**COMMENTS:** THESE PARCELS CONTAIN HORSE WATERING AREAS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT IN THE PIZONA MANAGEMENT AREA, AND WITHIN THE AREA OF THE INYO NATIONAL FOREST ESTABLISHED BY THE NEVADA ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1988. ACQUISITION OF THESE PARCELS WOULD PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT AND MANAGE THOSE RESOURCES. PARCELS ARE IDENTIFIED FOR ACQUISITION IN THE 1988 MONTGOMERY PASS WILD HORSE PLAN, AND THE INYO NF LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.