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Dear Interested Public:

The Elko Field Office has received two separate applications to acquire the grazing preference and permit for the Shoshone and Crane Springs Allotments. Since about 1940, the TeMoak Livestock Association (TLA) has held a grazing preference and permit to graze on lands administered by the Elko Field Office in these allotments, as well as the Odgers and Bald Mountain Allotments, as follows (see enclosed maps for allotment locations):

Allotment	Acres		Grazing Preference (AUMs)		
	Public	Private	Active	Suspended	Total
Crane Springs	22,304	4,619	1,281	839	2,120
Shoshone	8,473	2,387	2,888	555	3,443
Odgers	25,319	517	1,596	0	1,596
Bald Mtn.	31,283	0	736	403	1,173

In 1984, the TLA notified the BLM they would no longer be paying grazing fees to the BLM, claiming the Western Shoshone still hold aboriginal title to these lands. In 1987, the TLA appealed a BLM decision demanding payment of unpaid fees. However, they withdrew their appeal to this decision in 1989. That resulted in the final determination of the BLM that grazing use by the TLA since 1984 in the Crane Springs, Shoshone, Odgers, and Bald Mountain Allotments was unauthorized, it was willful and repeated, and fees for unauthorized use are due the United States. In 1989, their term grazing permit was not renewed because settlement had not been reached for unauthorized grazing use occurring since 1984. Settlement of unauthorized grazing use by individuals of the TLA remains ongoing and unresolved.

The Elko Field Office is proposing to cancel all the federal grazing qualifications, preference, and privileges, including suspended non-use, previously held by the TLA for the Crane Springs, Shoshone, Odgers and Bald Mountain Allotments and is considering the approval of one or both applications for

a grazing preference and permit in the Shoshone and Crane Springs Allotments. The Shoshone Allotment is comprised of four seeded and one native pasture. The Crane Springs Allotment is a one pasture allotment with a mixture of both native and seeded range (a small portion of the allotment was reseeded following a wildfire in 1986). The above table describes the acres of public and private lands and the total number of Animal Unit Months (AUMs) of specified livestock grazing use for each allotment.

The following terms and conditions would apply to the approved grazing permits for the Shoshone and Crane Springs Allotments and are consistent with the Elko Resource Management Plan:

Allotment	Livestock		Period		% Public Land	AUMs*
	Number	Kind	Begin	End		
Shoshone	477	Cattle	4/15	10/15	100	2,888
Crane Springs	211	Cattle	4/15	10/15	100	1,281

*Total number of Animal Unit Months (AUMs) of specified livestock grazing use.

Grazing use in the Shoshone Allotment will be in accordance with the rest rotation grazing agreement ("TeMoak Allotment Lamoille Unit Grazing Agreement") dated 4/1/70, as amended. Annual and long term adjustments in the grazing system based on monitoring may be made depending on progress in meeting multiple use objectives and the Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health.

The terms and conditions of your permit may be modified if additional information indicates that revision is necessary to conform with 43 CFR 4180.

Livestock numbers identified in the term grazing permit are a function of seasons of use and the total number of animal unit months of specified livestock grazing for each allotment. Deviations from those livestock numbers and seasons of use may be authorized on an annual basis where such deviations would not prevent attainment of the multiple use objectives for the allotment.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g) the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), you must stop activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and protect it from your activities for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the authorized officer.

Actual use data on the Shoshone and Crane Springs Allotments by pasture must be submitted to this office within 15 days from the last day of grazing use.

Supplemental feeding is limited to salt, mineral and/or protein supplements in block, granular or liquid form. Such supplements must be placed at least ¼ mile from live waters (springs and streams), troughs, wet or dry meadows, and aspen stands.

All riparian enclosures, including spring development enclosures, are closed to livestock use unless specifically authorized in writing.

Payment of grazing fees is due on or before the due date specified on the grazing bill. Failure to pay the grazing bill within 15 days of the due date specified on the bill shall result in a late fee assessment of \$25.00 or 10 percent of the grazing bill, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$250.00

The new grazing regulations require the authorized officer to consult, cooperate, and coordinate (CCC) with affected permittees, the State agencies responsible for managing resources within the area, and the interested public prior to the issuance of grazing permits (43 CFR 4130.2(b)). Therefore, a copy of this letter is being sent to individuals, groups or organizations that have expressed an interest in the management of livestock grazing on the Shoshone, Crane Springs, Odgers and Bald Mountain Allotments. **The interested public is being asked to provide comments by May 27, 1998.**

If you have any questions please contact Chuck Petersen, the assigned Rangeland Management Specialist for the Shoshone and Crane Springs Allotments, or myself at (702)753-0200. If you would prefer to discuss the matter in person, please call to set up an appointment with us so that we may respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,

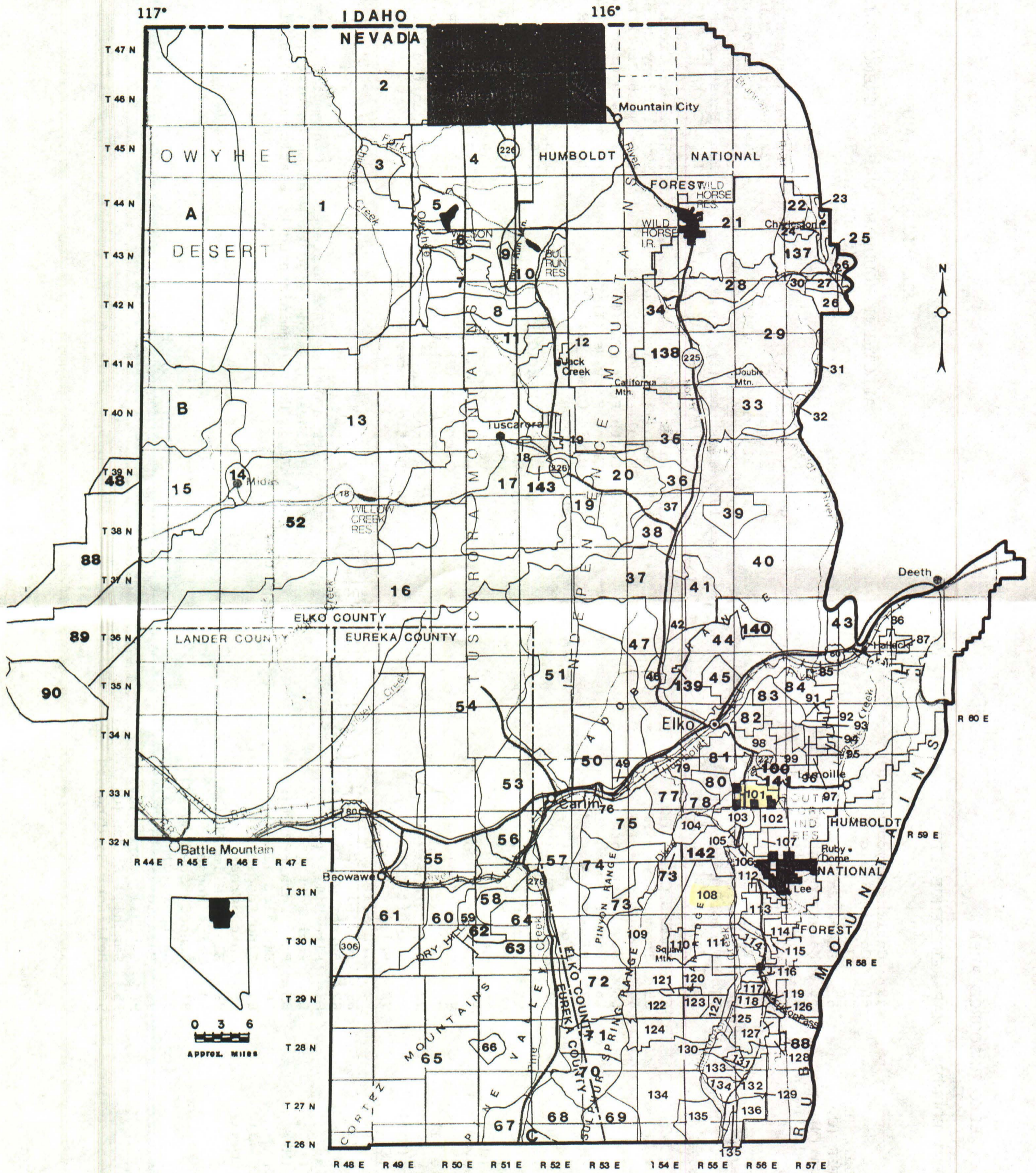


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Enclosures: as stated above

ELKO RESOURCE AREA

GRAZING ALLOTMENT BOUNDARIES



ELKO RESOURCE AREA

ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY MAP REFERENCE LIST

1	Owyhee (I)	49	Carlin Canyon FFR (C)
2	YP (M)	50	Carlin Field (I)
3	Petan-Owyhee Unit (M)	51	Hadley (I)
4	Indian Creek FFR (C)	52	Squaw Valley (I)
5	VN Pocket Petan (M)	53	Mary's Mountain (C)
6	VN Pocket Allied (I)	54	T Lazy S (I)
7	Cornucopia (M)	55	Horseshoe (I)
8	Andrae (M)	56	Palisade (C)
9	Wilson Mountain (M)	57	Pine Mountain (I)
10	Lime Mountain (M)	58	Iron Blossom (M)
11	Mori (M)	59	Safford Canyon (M)
12	Bucket Flat (C)	60	Scotts Gulch (I)
13	Spanish Ranch (I)	61	Geysir (C)
14	Midas (M)	62	Thomas Creek (M)
15	Little Humboldt (M)	63	Thomas Creek FFR (C)
16	Twenty-five (I)	64	Devils Gate (C)
17	Tuscarora (I)	65	South Buckhorn (I)
18	Six Mile (I)	66	Potato Patch (M)
19	Taylor Canyon (M)	67	Pine Creek (C)
20	Eagle Rock (M)	68	Mineral Hill (I)
21	Wildhorse Group (M)	69	Union Mountain (I)
22	Rough Hills (M)	70	Bruffy (M)
23	Stone Flat FFR (C)	71	Pony Creek (M)
24	Annie Creek (M)	72	Indian Springs (I)
25	Bruneau River (M)	73	Dixie Flats (I)
26	Rattlesnake Canyon (I)	74	Emmigrant Springs (I)
27	Stone Flat (I)	75	Tonka (I)
28	North Four Mile (I)	76	Old Eighty FFR (C)
29	Beaver Creek (M)	77	Grindstone Mtn. (I)
30	Mason Mountain (M)	78	Cut-Off (C)
31	Mexican Field (M)	79	Bullion Road (I)
32	Cotant (I)	80	Ten Mile (I)
33	Double Mountain (I)	81	Four Mile Canyon (C)
34	Stevens FFR (C)	82	Burner Basin (C)
35	Mahala Creek (M)	83	Elko Hills (I)
36	Eagle Rock 1 (I)	84	East Fork (I)
37	Lone Mountain (M)	85	East Fork FFR (C)
38	Fox Springs (M)	86	Smiraldo (I)
39	Coal Mine Basin (I)	87	King Seeding (M)
40	North Fork Group (I)	88	Jakes Creek
41	Dorsey (M)	89	Eleven Mile Flat
42	Long Field (M)	90	White House
43	Halleck (C)	91	Kennedy Seeding (I)
44	Adobe Hills (M)	92	Walther (C)
45	White Rock (M)	93	Palacio (M)
46	Adobe (M)	94	Sandhill North (C)
47	Blue Basin (I)	95	Sandhill South (C)
48	Tall Corral	96	Bellinger Seeding (M)

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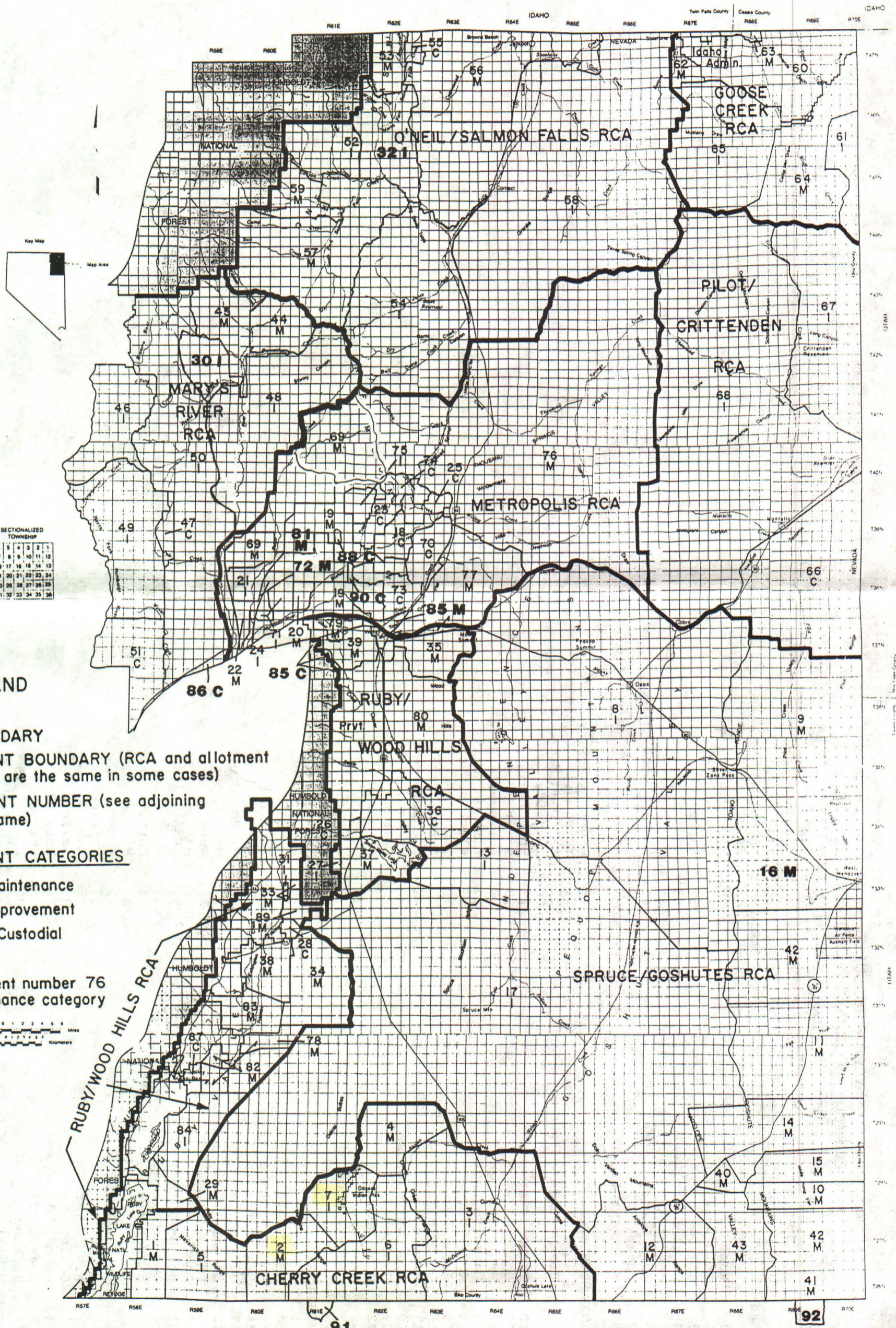
ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY MAP REFERENCE LIST
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97	Hog Tommy (I)	121	Robinson Mtn. FFR (C)
98	Bottari (I)	122	Robinson Mountain (I)
99	Olgivie-Orbe (I)	123	Little Porter (I)
100	LDS FFR (C)	124	Robinson Creek (I)
101	Shoshone (I)	125	Frost Creek (M)
102	Chimney Creek (M)	126	Corta FFR (C)
103	Twin Bridges (I)	127	Corral Canyon (M)
104	River (I)	128	Pearl Creek (M)
105	LDS (I)	129	Lindsay Creek (M)
106	McMullen FFR (C)	130	Twin Creek North (M)
107	South Fork FFR (I)	131	Twin Creek East (M)
108	Crane Springs (I)	132	Twin Creek South (M)
109	Dixie Creek (I)	133	Merkley FFR (C)
110	Sleeman (I)	134	Red Rock (I)
111	Hansel (I)	135	Browne (I)
112	Wilson FFR (C)	136	Mitchell Creek (I)
113	Willow (M)	137	South Four Mile (I)
114	Willow Creek Pockets (I)	138	Evans FFR (C)
115	Cottonwood FFR (C)	139	Board Corral FFR (C)
116	Merkley-Zunino (I)	140	Jackstone (M)
117	Archurra (M)	141	Legarza FFR (C)
118	Barnes Seeding (M)	142	White Flats FFR (C)
119	Barnes FFR (C)	143	Quarter Circle S (I)
120	Little Porter FFR (C)		

- A Little Owyhee (Administered by Winnemucca District)
- B Bullhead (Administered by Winnemucca District)
- C Jiggs Unit (Administered by Battle Mountain District)

WELLS RESOURCE AREA

GRAZING ALLOTMENT BOUNDARIES



LEGEND

- RCA BOUNDARY
- ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY (RCA and allotment boundaries are the same in some cases)
- 76 ALLOTMENT NUMBER (see adjoining page for name)

ALLOTMENT CATEGORIES

- M-Maintenance
- I-Improvement
- C-Custodial

EXAMPLE:

- 76-Allotment number 76
- M-Maintenance category



WELLS RESOURCE AREA
ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY MAP REFERENCE LIST
(RCA = Resource Conflict Area)

CHERRY CREEK RCA

1 Ruby #9
2 Bald Mountain
3 Currie
4 North Butte Valley
5 Maverick
6 West Cherry Creek
7 Odgers
91 McDermitt Creek

SPRUCE/GOSHUTES RCA

8 Big Springs
9 Pilot
10 Ferber Flat
11 Lead Hills
12 Boone Springs
13 Chase Springs
14 White Horse
15 Sugar Loaf
16 Leppy Hills
17 Spruce
40 West White Horse
41 Badlands
42 Utah/Nevada #1
43 Antelope Valley
92 Goshute Mountain

MARYS RIVER RCA

44 Hot Creek
45 Anderson Creek
46 Stag Mountain
47 Pole Creek
48 Stormy
49 Devils Gate
50 Deeth
51 Morgan Hill
30 Antelope Basin
86 Barger FFR

O'NEIL/SALMON FALLS RCA

52 West Buckhorn
53 Gulley
54 Hubbard Vineyard
55 Bear Creek
56 Jackpot
57 O'Neil
58 Salmon River
59 Cottonwood
32 East Buckhorn

PILOT/CRITTENDEN RCA

66 Pilot Valley
67 Dairy Valley
68 Gamble Individual

GOOSE CREEK RCA

60 Big Bend
61 Grouse Creek
62 Barton
63 Cavanaugh
64 Bluff Creek
65 Little Goose Creek

METROPOLIS RCA

18 Cedar Hill
19 Metropolis
20 Railroad Field
21 Westside
22 Spratling
23 Trout Creek
24 Metropolis Seeding
25 Bishop Flat
69 Black Butte
70 Town Creek
71 Rabbit Creek
72 Bishop Creek
73 Wells
74 Dalton
75 Antelope
76 H.D.
77 Holborn
81 Mud Springs
88 Antelope Springs FFR
90 Burnt Creek

RUBY/WOOD HILLS RCA

26 Gordon Creek
27 Warm Creek
28 Ruby #4
29 Harrison
31 Ruby #1
33 Ruby #2
34 Curtis Springs
35 Moor Summit
36 Tobar
37 Snow Water Lake
38 Ruby #5
39 Smiley
78 Ruby #7
79 Hylton
80 Wood Hills
82 Big Meadows
83 Ruby #6
84 Ruby #8
85 City
87 Bennett Field
89 Ruby #3