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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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MAR -3 1995

Dear Elko Resource Management Plan Participants:

The Elko Resource Area is evaluating monitoring data for the nine grazing allotments listed below to determine if current management practices are meeting the multiple-use objectives established in the Elko Resource Management Plan. Livestock, wildlife and wild horse objectives for each allotment are described in the Elko Rangeland Program Summary. See the enclosed map of the Elko Resource Area for the location of the nine allotments.

YP

Owyhee¹

Little Humboldt¹

Mitchell Creek

North Fork Group

Indian Springs

Pony Creek

Spanish Ranch and Squaw Valley (formerly Rock Creek)¹

¹allotments with wild horse herd areas within their boundaries.

Evaluations were initiated on several of these allotments in 1989. Because of the time lapsed since the initial evaluation, the Spanish Ranch and Squaw Valley, North Fork Group, and YP allotment evaluations will be re-issued with the most current monitoring data. Allotment evaluations will be issued to the public for comment as drafts are completed. Any comments received will be considered before management actions are selected.

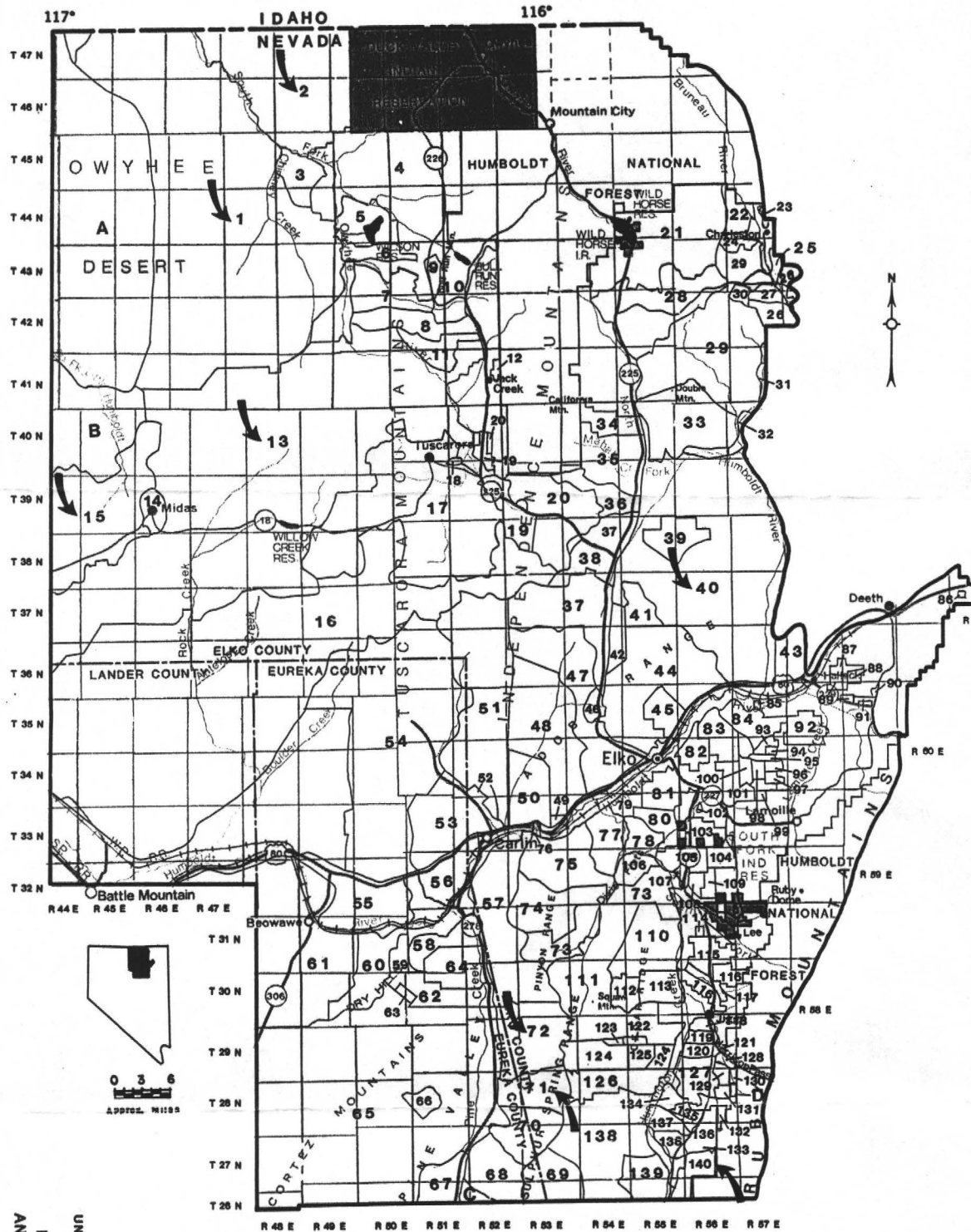
The evaluation process results in specific technical recommendations which will be incorporated into a multiple use decision. The decision will outline the management actions needed to ensure the attainment of multiple-use objectives. If the evaluation shows that no changes in management are required, or if additional data are needed to assess progress, the allotment file will be documented accordingly. Those individuals or groups involved in the process will be informed of the selected management actions along with rationale.

If you want to be involved in the evaluation process for any of the allotments listed above, please indicate your interest in a letter to me by April 3, 1995. Please state which allotment(s) you are interested in and the nature of your interest. Also provide any relevant factual data which you believe should be considered during the allotment evaluation process. If you have any question regarding this letter, please contact Jenna Whitlock of my staff. Thank you for your interest in public land management.

Sincerely yours,

NICK RIEGER, Acting Manager
Elko Resource Area

Enclosure (as stated above)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
 ELKO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
 AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
 ALLOTMENT BOUNDARIES

- 2 - YP Allotment
- 1 - Owyhee Allotment
- 15 - Little Humboldt Allotment
- 140 - Mitchell Creek Allotment
- 40 - North Fork Group Allotment
- 72 - Indian Springs Allotment
- 71 - Pony Creek Allotment
- 13 - Spanish Ranch & Squaw Valley Allotments



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March 10, 1995

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RE: Scoping

Dear Mr. Drais,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your scoping document dated March 3, 1995.

The Commission is an interested and affected party on wild horse issues in Nevada. The Nevada Legislature established by statute in 1991 that the Commission is the appropriate state agency in Nevada to be contacted on issues regarding wild horses and/or their habitat. The 1971 Wild Horse and Burro Act established that the Bureau of Land Management must consult the appropriate wildlife agencies in the state within which they are operating on wild horses. The Legislature designated the Commission as that appropriate agency.

Pursuant to the 1971 Wild Horse and Burro Act on the allotments listed in your scoping document as well as all areas covered by your District, please consider the Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses an interested and affected party and State Agency designated by law to be contacted on all issues concerning wild horses and/or their habitat.

In your evaluations and pursuant proposed and final decision documents please include herd re-structuring pursuant to the Strategic Plan, recent and past population data, AUM calculations = mare/foal vs cow/calf, include your mathematical calculations re: weighted averaging and adjusted carry capacities, use pattern

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mapping, and how population estimates were determined. Thank you in advance for including the necessary information for our agency to accurately evaluate and respond to your documents. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Barcomb".

CATHERINE BARCOMB
Executive Director