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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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4765 Vegas Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

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NV-052

1997 Gold Butte Gather File

04-01-97

28 Day Notice

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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management will gather excess wild burros from public lands in the State of Nevada within 28 days from the date of this letter.

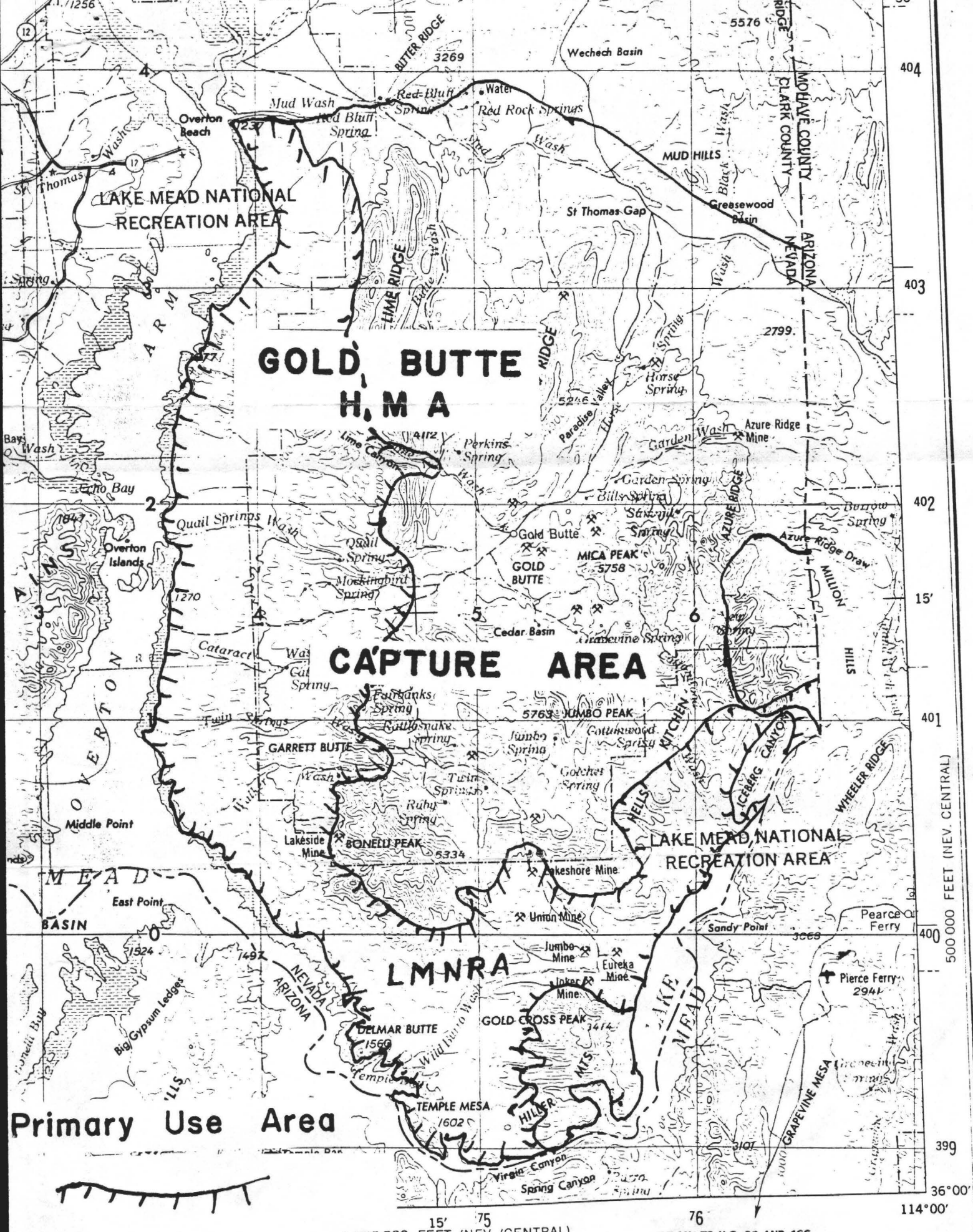
The gathering will be conducted in the Las Vegas District on the Gold Butte Herd Management Area (HMA). The areas scheduled to be gathered are shown on the enclosed map and as described below.

<u>Herd Management Area/Herd Area Name</u>	<u>Environmental Analysis Record Number</u>	<u>Reason for Gathering</u>	<u>Approximate Number to be Removed</u>	<u>Approximate Number to Remain</u>
Gold Butte	NV-053-0-30	Achieve AML	130	43

The gather is continuing efforts to reduce populations of burros to within the established A.M.L. of 22 to 98 animals. A current census (03-24-97) was conducted and revealed animals in excess of AML. In an effort protect the animals and their environment it is necessary accomplish this action prior to the hot season in Las Vegas. The AML and gather plan were previously implemented by decision. This letter is meant to state the current situation and is not a decision document. This action can not be contested by the appeal process.

Sincerely,

Marvin Dan Morgan
Assistant District Manager
Renewable Resources



**GOLD BUTTE
H.M.A**

CAPTURE AREA

LMNRA

Primary Use Area

24 MI. TO U. S. 93 AND 466

1:200 000 FEET (NEV. CENTRAL)

39 MI. TO U.S. 93 AND 466

500 000 FEET (NEV. CENTRAL)

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April 21, 1997

Mr. Martin Dan Morgan
Las Vegas District
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Subject: Gold Butte Gather

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Thank you for the notice to gather wild burros from the Gold Butte Herd Management Area. It is our understanding that the appropriate management level was established by a Biological Opinion for the protection of the federally listed desert tortoise.

In light that burros in southern Nevada foaled year round, we have no objection to gathers during this time of year. We hope the management to this level will protect tortoise habitat and contribute to the de-listing of this species.

Sincerely,

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

CATHERINE BARCOMB
Executive Director