

Spring Mtn Las Vegas Dist. 7/20/90
SCOPING STATEMENT
PROPOSED WILD HORSE REMOVAL
LEE CANYON

LAS VEGAS RANGER DISTRICT
TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST
CLARK AND NYE COUNTIES, NEVADA

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I. Description of the Proposal

The Toiyabe National Forest, Las Vegas Ranger District, is proposing to remove all the wild and free roaming horses in Lee Canyon. Lee Canyon is not a part of, or within the boundaries of any Wild and Free Roaming Horse Territory. Therefore grazing use by wild horses is not an authorized use of this area of the Toiyabe National Forest. The presence of these horses and their grazing use on the vegetation, specifically the Ski Lee slopes and the meadow in Lee Canyon, is causing significant vegetative resource damage. Ski Lee is required through the terms and conditions of their permit to maintain vegetative cover on the ski slopes to provide for watershed stability and soil protection from rain and snowmelt runoff. This permit requirement represents a large financial investment by Ski Lee. Removal of these wild horses is needed to maintain the integrity of the ski slope watershed project. In addition, the existing fence and cattle guard constructed to keep wild and free roaming horses out of Lee Canyon is in need of repair.

A. Location and general description of the area involved

The locations of the areas involved are the Ski Lee site and the meadow located between Old Mill picnic area and McWilliams campground in Lee Canyon.

B. Nature of decision to be made

What method will be used to remove the wild and free roaming horses from Lee Canyon and where will the horses be relocated to. The decision will allow for repair and maintenance of the existing fence to prevent wild horses from entering Lee Canyon.

C. Possible Solutions

1. Remove trespass horses and make them available for adoption at Kingman Wild Horse and Burro Handling Facility to prevent their attempts to return to the Lee Canyon area.
2. Remove and return the horses to the Spring Mountain Wild Horse territory.
3. Repair existing fence and sign the area to prevent the fence from being cut again.

4. Develop a Cooperative Cost Share agreement with an organization to maintain the fence as needed.

II Identified preliminary resource consideration

The following environmental factors have been identified as being affected by this proposal:

1. Soils
2. Wildlife
3. Hydrology
4. Recreation
5. Economic and Social Factors
6. Land Uses
7. Vegetation


III Timing requirements


You are invited to participate in the evaluation process. To be most effective, your written comments need to be received by us no later than August 3, 1990. We will review, evaluate and consolidate comments to form a list of issues, concerns and opportunities that will be addressed in the Decision Memo.

LEGEND

ORIGINAL FOREST BOUNDARY ———

NEW FOREST BOUNDARY - - - - -


EXISTING WILD HORSE TERRITORY 

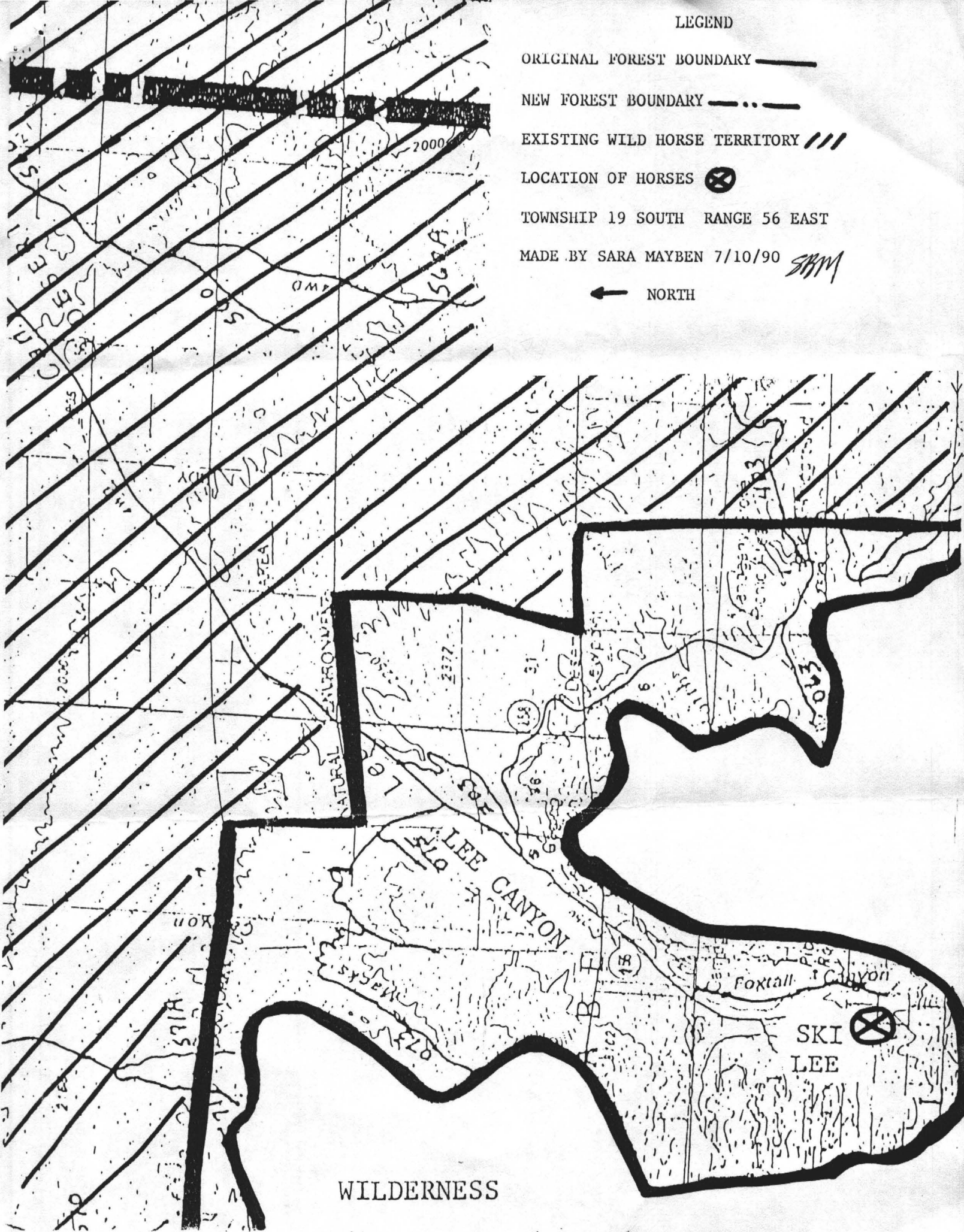
LOCATION OF HORSES 

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH RANGE 56 EAST

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