

8-30-99

Just received a return call from Maxine Shane, NV State PR person. The number of HMA's with horses affected are about 20. She said probably the 875 number of horses came out of a meeting in Elko (you know Assemblyman Carpenter's area who his NV bill AB509 & Senator Rhoads, father of sagebrush rebels, not far away in the Winnemucca area.) regarding the fires. Eureka county boys too. Probably about 875 to 1500 horses affected with burned habitat, water storage, & re-seeding. Most severely affected HMAs were New Pass Ravenswood (Battle Mt -210 horses), Kamma Mtns (Winnemucca-30). Blue Wing Mtns (Winnemucca-22/12), Seven Troughs (Winnemucca-153/29), Lava Beds (Winnemucca-156/19), Diamond Hills North (Elko-50), Rocky Hills (Battle Mtn 172 horses) HMA & this pass weekend Flanigan (Carson City-157 horses)). Also Clan Alpine (Carson City -1076 horses)) was affect which a gather had already been planned to remove about 500 horses before the fires. Now maybe more will be removed. She did not know if removed horses would be relocated or send to Palomino for adoption. Removals will began end of Sept 99. They will seek funding for these removals which I believe will allow massive & again an excuse to get rid of Nevada wild horses. I asked about livestock grazing. She said she had nothing to do with this. But there would be fencing & water lockouts to allow re-seeding. When I continued to ask who was the livestock person to contact regarding livestock removal because of the fires, she finally said **Jolynn Worley** would be the one. She stated each field office controls livestock closure. It is bothersome that with more, likely permanent, fencing & locking out water sources the future of the horses will be greatly affected. Fencing will only help future livestock grazing management. The rebels are really cheering about the fires I bet. Likely, emergency federal funding will be obtain for horse removal. Just as the rebels planned to keep reducing NV horse/burro populations.

Liz, maybe you can contact Jolynn Worley or perhaps someone else regarding the livestock removal plan. Nevada state office number is 775-861-6590.

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### August 30, 1999

If we can believe BLM's "statistics", the following is the response from each Nevada BLM district/stations regarding question #2 in my letter **of 5-4-99 to them**. NAME OF EACH & AREA NUMBERS OF EACH HMA IN YOUR DISTRICT: As you will see some give more info than others. There are duplications & some discrepancies of HMA's numbers regarding the Tonopah area, so be careful not to add these numbers twice. There are **20,977 horses & 510 burros in Nevada according to BLM. Nevada has a total of 111 HMA's**. 12 HMA's have zero horses and are McGee Mtns., Marietta, Palmetto, Goldfield, Stonewall, Bullfrog, Gold Butte, El Dorado, Ash Meadows, Armagosa, Mormon Mtns. and Cover Creek **leaving 99 HMA's with horses. 45 of the 99 HMA's have 100 or less horses. 13 HMA's have 500 or more horses. 20 HMA's have burros**. Please note from the Ely Field Office that the Caliente Field Station is using Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan to zero out horses.

Also I heard this AM over 88.7FM news that 875 horses are to be removed because of the fires in Nevada. I have a call into the BLM NV State Office to find out from where these horses will be removed. Anything as an excuse to remove wild horses.

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HMA #	HMA	Horses	Burros	Date Census	Total Acres	AML
<b>Winnemucca Field Office (1)</b> (Colin P. Christensen, Assist. Field Manager)						
311	Augusta Mt.	823*		98	Population estimate	
209	Block Rock Range East	247		98	Pop. Est.	
227	Black Rock Range West	351		98	Pop. est.	
217	Blue Wing Mtns.	22	12	98	Pop. est.	

220	Buffalo Hills	418		98 Pop. est.
222	Calico Mtns.	932		98 Pop. est.
228	Fox-Lake Range	536		98 Pop. est.
211	Granite Range	706		98 Pop. est.
<b>208</b>	<b>Jackson Mtns.</b>	<b>302</b>		<b>98 Pop. est.</b>
214	Kamma Mtns.	30		98 Pop. est.
215	Lava Beds	156	19	98 Pop. est.
200	Little Owyhee	500		98 Pop. est.
210	McGee Mtns.	0	25	98 Pop. est.
219	Nightingale Mtns.	143		98 Pop. est.
229	North Stillwater	295	1	98 Pop. est.
216	Seven Troughs	153	46	98 Pop. est.
218	Shawave Mtns.	201		98 Pop. est.
201	Snowstorm Mtns.	130		98 Pop. est.
231	Tobin Range	72		98 Pop. est.
226	Warm Springs Canyon	503	27	98 Pop. est.
(20 HMAs)		<b>TOTAL 6,520 horses</b>		<b>130 burros</b>

\*702 of the 823 horses are located within Battle Mountain & Carson City Field Offices portion of HMA.

HMA #	HMA	Horses	Burros	Date Census	Total Acres	AML
<b>Elko Field Office (2)</b> (Helen Hankins, Field Office Manager)						
101	Owyhee	492	0			
102	Little Humbolt	361	0			
103	Rock Creek	820	0			
104	Diamond Hills North	50	0			
105	Maverick-Medicine	790	0			
106	Antelope Valley	434	0			
107	Spruce-Pequop	166	0			
<b>108</b>	<b>Goshute</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>-GRACE</b>
(8 HMA's)		<b>TOTAL 3,413 horses</b>				

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<b>Carson City Field Office District (4)</b> (Daniel Jacquet, Assistant Manager)						
301	Flanigan	157	0	7/98		
CA-241	Fort Sage	36	0	3/95		
303	Granite Peak	39	0	7/98		
302	Dogskin Mt.	77	0	7/98		
306	Lahontan	100	0	5/99 estimate		
307	Horse Mountain	123	0	7/98		
309	South Stillwater	18	0	3/95		
229	North Stillwater	58	0	3/95		
311	Augusta	125	0	3/95		
310	Clan Alpine	1076	0	7/98		
606	Desatoya	187	0	6/97		
602	New Pass	37	0	8/94		
305	Pinenut Mt.	358	0	7/98		
315	Wassuk	94	0	7/98		
314	Pilot Mountain	488	0	9/98		
313	Garfield Flat	148	0	9/98		
316	Marietta (burros)	0	93	8/97		
(19 HMAs)		<b>TOTAL 3214 horses</b>				<b>93 burros</b>

\*Montgomery Pass HMA -CA -administered by Forest Service.

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<b>Battle Mountain Field Office (5)</b> (Jeffery A. Weeks, Assist. Field Manager)						
<b>Shoshone-Eureka Planning Area</b>						
311	Augusta Mountains	668	0	7/97		
601	South Shoshone	420	0	3/98		
602	New Pass-Ravenswood	210	0	10/94		
603	Bald Mountain	190	0	3/98		
604	Callaghan	698	0	9/98		
605	Rocky Hills	172	0	9/98		
606	Desatoya	86	0	6/97		
607	Roberts Mountain	313	0	9/98		
608	Whistler Mountain	55	0	9/98		
609	Diamond	172	0	9/97		
610	Hickison	10	26	9/98		
611	North Monitor	17	0	9/98		
612	Fish Creek	495	0	9/98		
613	Sevenmile	56	0	9/98		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3562 horses</b>	<b>26 burros</b>			
<b>Tonopah Planning Area</b>						
314	Dunlap/Pilot Mountain	63	0	9/97		
614	Little Fish Lake	18	0	9/98		
616	Hot Creek	46	0	2/99		
618	Stone Cabin	78	0	10/98		
619	Reveille	96	0	9/98		
620	Saulsbury	102	0	10/98		
621	Paymaster/Lone Mt.	63 & 1 mule	1	9/97		
622	Fish Lake Valley	13	0	9/95		
623	Silver Peak	87	1	8/96		
625	Montezuma Peak	6	4	2/99		
624	Palmetto	0	0	9/97		
626	Goldfield	0	7	9/98		
627	Stonewall	0	0	9/97		
628	Gold Mountain	5	4	8/98		
629	Bullfrog	0	23	8/96		
630	Sand Springs West	44	0	2/99		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>621 horses &amp; 1mule</b>	<b>40 burros</b>			
<b>TOTAL Battle Mt. FO</b>		<b>4183 horses</b>	<b>1 mule</b>			<b>66 burros.</b>
(30 HMA's of which 16 are in the Tonopah district)						

**COMPARE THE FOLLOWING numbers IN *ITALICS* from MacKinnon (Tonopah Field Station) TO ABOVE REGARDING TONOPAH Planning Area from Weeks (Battle Mt. Field Office).**

HMA #	HMA	Horses	Burros	Date Census	Total Acres	AML
<b><i>Tonopah Field Station (3)</i></b> ( <i>W. Craig MacKinnon, Assist. Field Manager</i> )						
629	<i>Bullfrog</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>FY96*</i>		
314	<i>Dunlap (part of Pilot Mt.</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>FY97</i>		
622	<i>Fish Lake Valley</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>FY95</i>		
628	<i>Gold Mountain</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>FY96</i>		
626	<i>Goldfield</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>FY97</i>		
616	<i>Hot Creek</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>FY97</i>		
614	<i>Little Fish Lake</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>FY98</i>		

625	Montezuma Peak	6	8	FY97
624	Palmetto	0	0	FY97
621	Paymaster/Lone Mt.	85	1	FY97
619	Reveille	110	0	FY98
630	Sand Springs West	48	0	FY99
620	Saulsbury	99	0	FY98
623	Silver Peak	89	0	FY96
618	Stone Cabin	82	0	FY99
627	Stonewall	0	0	FY97

**TOTAL 695 horses      43 burros**

*\*Last Aerial Census*

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<b>Las Vegas Field Office (6)</b> (Mike Dwyer, Field Manager)						
(504)	Red Rock	59	51	9/97		
(unk)	Johnnie	49	37	9/97		
(unk)	Wheeler Pass	96	16	9/97		
(502)	Gold Butte	0	72	10/98		
(503)	Muddy Mtn.	16	35	9/97		
(501)	El Dorado	0	10	9/98		
(509)	Ash Meadows	0	0	9/98		
(511)	Armagosa	0	0	9/98		
(524)	NV Wild Horse Range	802	0	9/98		
		<b>TOTAL 1022 horses.</b>	<b>221 burros.</b>	<b>Combined total 1243 horses/burros.</b>		
(HMAs 9)						

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<b>Ely Field Office (7)</b> (Robert E. Brown -Wild Horse Specialist)						
<b>Ely Field Office Subtotal:</b>						
401	Antelope (HMAP)	739	0	7/98	400,335	233 (78)
402	Monte Cristo (HMAP)	696	0	6/98	228,940	236
403	Buck & Bald	426*	0	5/97	627,030	340 (60)
404	Wilson Creek	127	0	6/97	689,185	160
405	Sand Springs East	724	0	6/98	386,776	257
406	Cherry Creek	0	0	8/98	44,269	0 (11)
407	Butte (HMAP)	82*	0	6/97	436,000	74 (40)
408	Jakes Wash	88	0	8/98	67,045	6(29)
409	White River	66	0	6/97	98,534	90
410	Dry Lake	140	0	6/97	494,335	94
411	Seaman	51	0	6/97	361,318	159
412	Diamond Hills South	40**	0	10/96	10,500	22
<b>413</b>	<b>Moriah</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8/98</b>	<b>83,673</b>	<b>0 (61)</b>
<b>Ely Field Office Subtotal:</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3301 horses</b>	<b>0 burros</b>	<b>TOTAL 3,928,440 acres</b>		<b>TOTAL 1671(279) AML***</b>

\* Based on actual census data, reduced by the number of animals removed during a subsequent removal. 1045 wild horses removed from Buck & Bald HMA census population of 1471 in Dec 97. 133 wild horses removed from Butte HMA census population of 215 in Dec 97.

\*\* Actual number of animals released back into HMA after Aug 97 capture/removal. Assumed all animals were captured during removal operation.

\*\*\* AMLs that are not in parenthesis are actual AML's established in FMUDs as issued for allotments within that HMA. If no number follows in parentheses, the AML is fully established for that HMA. If a number follows in parentheses, it is an additional estimate to the established AML for those allotments that do not yet have an FMUD issued. All established AMLs have a +/- 15% range for management of herd.

**Caliente Field Station:**

512	Mormon Mountains	0	0	6/97	175,423	(0)	(1)
513	Meadow Valley Mtns	27	0	6/97	94,966	(0)	(2)
514	Blue Nose Peak	2 <sup>(7)</sup>	0	6/97	86,695	(20)	(3)
515	Delamar Mountain	66 <sup>(7)</sup>	0	6/97	191,570	(100)	(4)
516	Clover Mountain	60	0	6/97	175,717	(40)	(3)
517	Clover Creek	0 <sup>(7)</sup>	0	6/97	33,653	(20)	(3)
518	Applewhite	13	0	6/97	27,814	(15)	(4)
519	Little Mountain	33	0	6/97	54,558	(30)	(5)
520	Miller Flat	59	0	6/97	91,181	(40)	(5)
521	Deer Lodge Canyon	45	0	6/97	106,607	(50)	
522	Highland Peak	38	0	6/97	139,625	(40)	(6)
523	Rattlesnake	1	0	6/97	75,461	(10)	(6)
<b>Caliente FS Subtotal</b>		<b>344 horses</b>			<b>1,253,270 acres</b>	<b>(365) AML</b>	
<p>(1) AML is being set according to guidance contained within the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan. The Caliente MFP is currently being amended through a draft EIS to reflect this management direction.</p> <p>(2) AML is being set through the FMUD process. The FMUD should be issued in Fall 98.</p> <p>(3) The Blue Nose Peak, Clover Mountain, &amp; Clover Creek HMA's will be managed under similar objectives due to horse movement between the three HMA's. All three HMA's are under evaluation. The Clover Mountain &amp; Clover Creek portions should be set by Spring 99.</p> <p>(4) The Delamar Mountain &amp; Applewhite HMA's will be managed under similar objectives due to horse movement between the two HMAs.</p> <p>(5) The Miller Flat &amp; Little Mountain HMAs will be managed under similar objectives due to horse movement between the two HMAs. The Miller Flat portion should be set by the Spring 99.</p> <p>(6) The Rattlesnake &amp; Highland Peak HMAs will be managed in conjunction with the Dry Lake HMA (#410) due to horse movements -typically seasonal- between the three HMAs.</p> <p>(7) Additional horses are known to exist within the HMA but due to flying conditions &amp; timing of census not all animals were counted.</p>							
(HMA's 25) <b>Ely District TOTAL</b>		<b>3,645 horses</b>			<b>5,181,710 acres</b>	<b>1671 (644)AML</b>	

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