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Dear Interested Party,

The BLM Surprise Field Office (SFO) is planning a native vegetation restoration treatment in the Tuledad Allotment (map enclosed). This project would treat approximately 1,320 acres of the 1,500 acre Tuledad crested wheatgrass seeding. The 1980's seeding is depleted and no longer meets its original intent as a seeding. In accordance with goals outlined in the 2007 Surprise Field Office Resource Management Plan, crested wheatgrass stands in poor condition will be restored to native vegetation. The project lies entirely within the Tuledad/Duck Flat Cultural Resource Management Area (CRMA).

Current plans for treatment would involve mowing portions of the seeding to reduce competition then drill seeding the site with native grasses, shrubs, and forbs with all work being completed by contract personnel. After treatment, the seeded area would be rested from livestock use until plants are established according to objectives for the site. Grazing management including the removal or need for fences or other improvements would be considered as part of the project design with grazing management implemented through the Tuledad AMP.

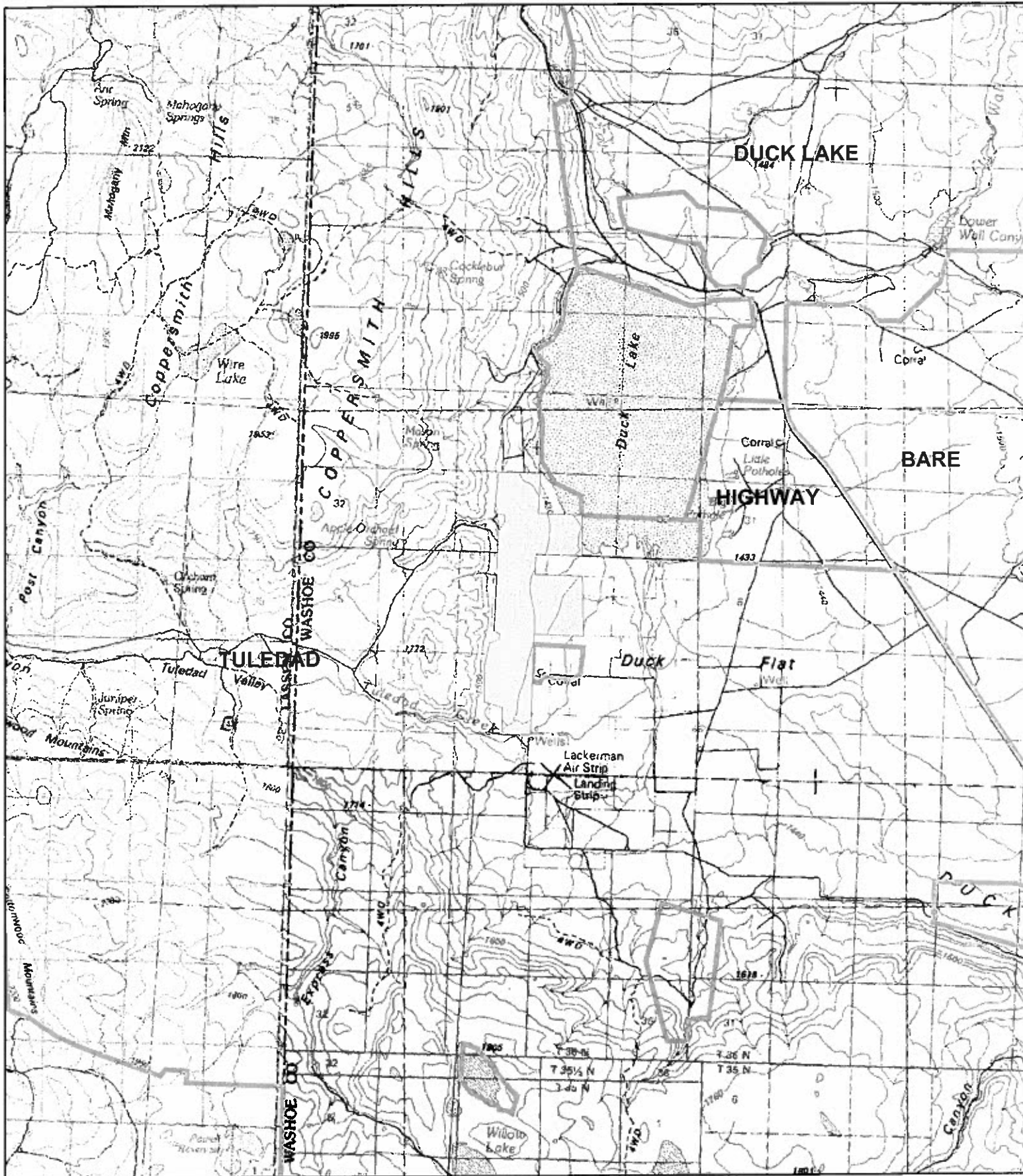
The BLM SFO is currently evaluating site conditions and developing project area and work descriptions. If you would like to be involved in this process or have information you feel would assist with this project, please contact Steve Surian or Elias Flores of my staff before December 28, 2009, either at the address above or by phone at (530) 279-6101. If you do not respond to this letter, we will not include you in follow-up correspondence relating to these projects. You will remain on our coordination list for future projects however.

Sincerely,

Shane DeForest  
Surprise Field Office Manager

Enclosure: Map of project area

# Tuledad seeding in relation to grazing allotments



0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Miles

