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Dear Interested Public:

The Tonopah Field Office is planning to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the impacts of conducting a wild horse gather within the Reveille Herd Management Area (HMA). The gather area is located within Nye County in Central Nevada, in the Reveille Allotment. Refer to the enclosed map of the gather area for more information.

The Appropriate Management Level (AML) for the HMA was established within the Final Multiple Use Decision (FMUD) for the Reveille Allotment issued in October 2001. The FMUD was issued following an interdisciplinary analysis of monitoring data, the completion of a Rangeland Heath Evaluation, and the involvement of the interested public. The proposed gather operation would involve the removal of wild horses so as to achieve the low range of the established AML of 80 head. All wild horses would be removed from outside the HMA boundary first, then within the HMA boundary until the AML has been reached. The removal strategy for wild horses within the HMA would be to selectively remove wild horses age 4 and under, and to achieve a target sex ratio of 60% Studs(males) to 40% Mares(females) Wild horse aged 5 and above would be released back into the HMA. The following table 1.0 displays the estimated population and gather information.

**Table 1.0 - Reveille HMA Estimated Population and Gather Information**

HMA	AML Range	Est. Population <sup>a</sup>	Est. Gather Number <sup>b</sup>	Est. to Remove	Est. to Release	Est. Post Gather
Reveille	80-138	278	219	158	66	80

(Based on a 4 year gather cycle)

At the conclusion of the gather, the Tonopah Field Office may hold a special wild horse adoption event at the holding corrals located at the gather location. The interested public would be invited to attend, and qualified applicants could adopt horses recently gathered from the Reveille HMA.

<sup>a</sup> Estimated population represents the population following 2010 foaling. The most recent census was conducted February 2010.

<sup>b</sup> Estimated gather numbers based on ability to capture 95% of the population. Gather efficiency would be influenced by time of year, snow cover and terrain.

Immunocontraception fertility control vaccine would be administered to the mares that will be released back inside the HMA if available. Hair samples would be collected from a representative sample of animals for analysis of genetic health of the wild horse herd.

The gather operation would commence after the issuance of the Environmental Assessments/Gather Plans, Decision, and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) pending any appeals or court decisions, and could take place as early as September 4, 2010.

As the interested public, you are asked to submit comments, issues, alternatives, recommendations, or other input for inclusion into the Environmental Assessment. Please make your submissions in writing to be received in this office **no later than April 30, 2010**.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you would rather not remain on the mailing list for the Reveille HMA wild horse gather, and do not wish to receive the Environmental Assessment/Gather Plan and subsequent decision documents, please submit your request in writing to Dustin Hollowell, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist at the address identified in the letterhead.

Additionally, the Proposed Final Environmental Assessment will be available to the interested public on the following internet site at [http://www.nv/st/en/fo/battle\\_mountain\\_field.html](http://www.nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html). A copy of the document either on compact disk or a hard copy will be mailed to you upon request but this action will not extend the comment period.

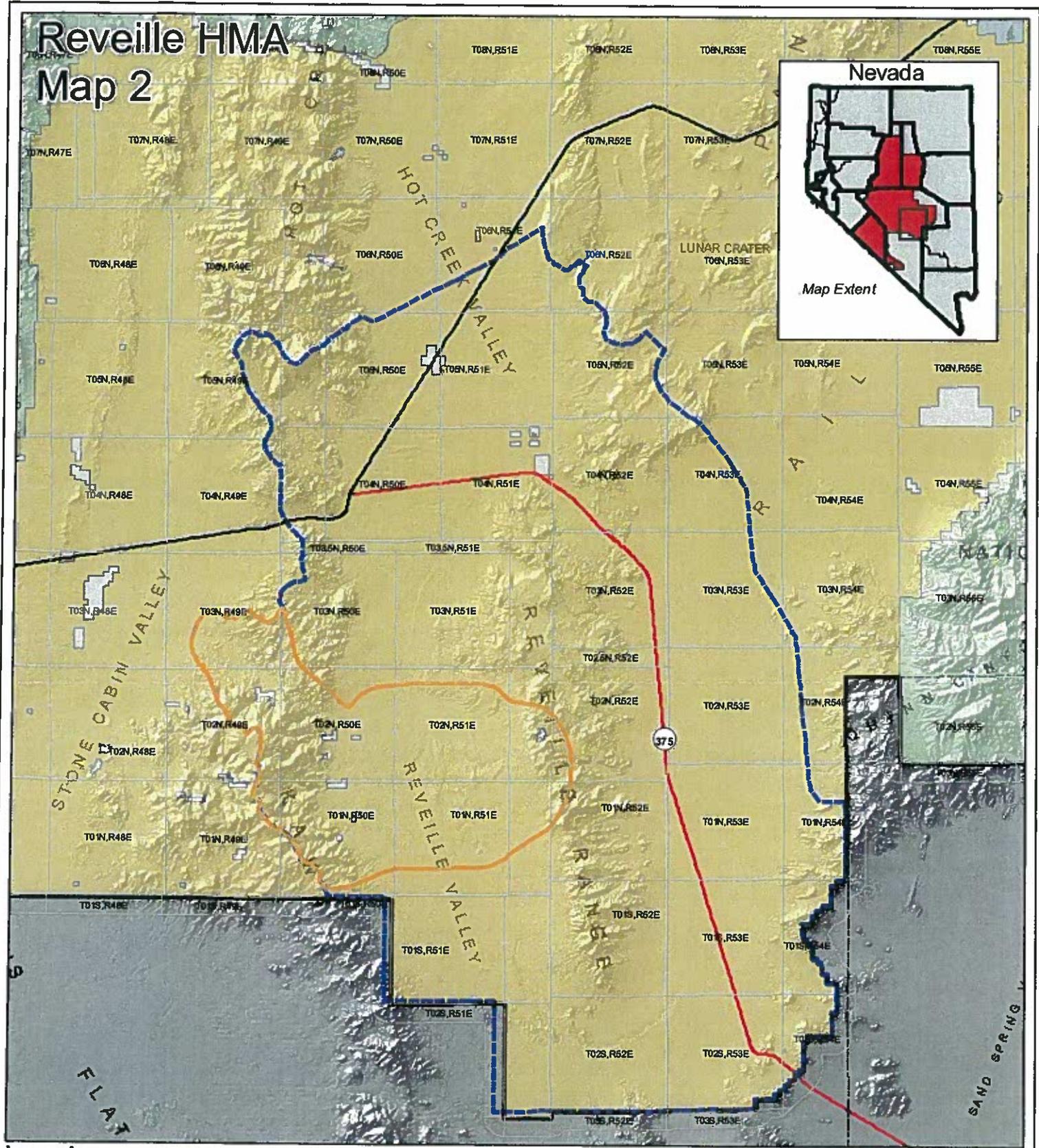
For more information about the proposed gather and adoption event, please contact Shawna Richardson 775-635-4000

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Seley  
Field Manager

# Reveille HMA Map 2

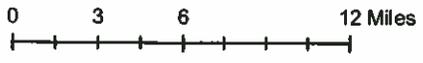


### Legend

- Reveille HMA
- Reveille Allotment
- Interstate Freeway
- State Route
- US Highway

### Landowner

- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service
- Nevada State
- Private



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