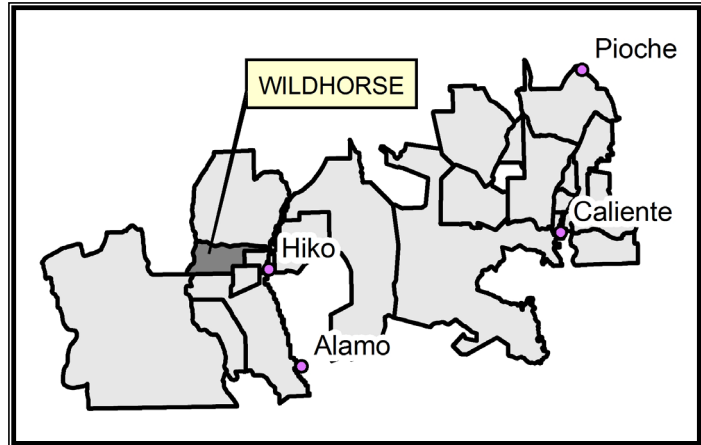


26.0 WILDHORSE ALLOTMENT

Permittee: Orren Nash
Contact: Orren Nash
City/State: Hiko, NV

Base Property: Land



26.1 ALLOTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Wildhorse Allotment is unfenced except for its shared boundary with the Crystal Springs Allotment.

Table 26.1: Wildhorse Allotment Details

ALLOTMENT ACRES		GRAZING PERMIT					
Public	Private	Number/Type of Livestock		Season of Use	AUMs		
					Total	Active	Suspended
18254	0	26	Cattle	3/01-2/28	315	315	0

26.1.1 Grazing System

The Permittee uses an open grazing system combining permits in the Irish Mountain, South Hiko-Six Mile, and Wildhorse allotments. The Wildhorse Allotment is used for year-round grazing. Cattle move freely between the reservoirs in the South Hiko-Six Mile Allotment and the higher elevations in the western portion of the allotment and Irish Mountain.

26.1.2 Stockwaters and Water Rights

There are no stockwaters or water rights within the Wildhorse Allotment.

26.1.3 Existing Fencing

The allotment is unfenced except for the border with the Crystal Springs Allotment.

26.2 PROPOSED RAILROAD ALIGNMENT – LINCOLN COUNTY SHORT ROUTE

The Lincoln County Short Route cuts through the eastern panhandle of the allotment.

Rail Length Within Allotment: .75 miles
 1,000' Construction Right-of-Way Area: 90.91 acres

26.2.1 Fencing Preference for Proposed Rail Alignment

The Permittee prefers the railway to be fenced.

26.2.2 Impacts and Mitigation

26.2.2.1 Base Property

There are no impacts to base property in this allotment.

26.2.2.2 Grazing System

The proposed alignment crosses through the eastern panhandle of the allotment.

The underpasses required to facilitate the movement of cattle within the allotment have been accounted for in the South Hiko – Six Mile individual allotment description. Due to the short length of the proposed railroad right-of-way (ROW) through the allotment, no additional mitigation measures will be required.

26.2.2.3 Existing Fence and Capital Improvements

There are no potential impacts to capital improvements of fences.

26.2.2.4 Stockwaters and Associated Infrastructure

There are no impacted stockwaters in this allotment.

26.2.2.5 Road and Trails

The proposed alignment crosses one dirt road.

26.2.2.6 Vegetation and Forage

A permanent loss of forage will occur within the railway footprint as well as within the fenced ROW. Other concerns include the temporary loss of forage due to construction activities and railway operations. There is also the potential for long-term loss of desirable forage within disturbed areas due to difficulty of rehabilitation, establishment of noxious or invasive weeds, and fires resulting from railway operations.

Mitigation must include compensation for lost AUMs due to construction and/or operation of the railway. This includes deferred or suspend AUMs resulting from wildland fires caused by railway operations. Disturbed areas should be kept to a minimum, successfully revegetated to a predetermined condition, and managed for noxious weeds. It should be the responsibility of the rail operator to control noxious or invasive weed infestations for the life of the rail.

26.2.2.7 Loss of Livestock

The Permittee shall be reimbursed for any loss of livestock due to railway operations. It shall be the responsibility of the railway operator to maintain all ROW fencing.

26.2.2.8 Other Impacts and Mitigations

None known.

Table 26.2: Wildhorse Allotment Impacted Features

Impacted Features	Lincoln County Short Route
Base Property (land)	0
Base Property (water within 4 miles)	0
Base Property (water within 1 mile)	0
Base Property (pipeline crossings)	0
Existing Fencing (ea)	0
Capital Improvements	0
Stockwaters within 4 miles	0
Stockwaters within 1 mile	0
Creeks (ea)	0
Pipelines (ea)	0
Roads (ea)	1
Trails (ea)	0
ROW Acreage	91

Table 26.3: Wildhorse Allotment Mitigation Summary

Proposed Mitigation Units	Lincoln County Short Route
Fence Construction (miles)	1.5
Fence Removal	0
Gates (ea)	0
Railroad Cattleguards (ea)	0
Road Cattleguards (ea)	0
Grazing Management Plan	1
Corral Relocation	0
Chute Relocation	0
Wells (ea)	0
Troughs (ea)	0
Springs (ea)	0
Creek Crossings (ea)	0
Unspecified Stockwaters (ea)	0
Pipeline Crossings (ea)	0
Pipeline Construction (miles)	0
Road Crossings (ea)	0
Trail Crossings (ea)	0
Sheep Crossings (ea)	0
Cattle Crossings (ea)	0
Underpasses (ea)	0

Figure 26.1: Wildhorse Allotment

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