

KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

Proposal: Katherine's Landing and Oatman Nuisance Wild Burro Removal

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Land Description: Private land inside the Black Mountain Herd Management Area, Mohave County, Bullhead and Oatman, Arizona.

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Needed Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
	Minerals	
x	Range	/s/ Abe Clark 07/19/2010
x	Wild Horse and Burro	/s/ June Wendlandt 07/20/2010
	General Recreation	
x	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	/s/ Tim Watkins 07/20/2010
	Wilderness	
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Air Quality	
x	Wildlife	/s/ Rebecca L. Peck 07/20/2010
x	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals	/s/ Rebecca L. Peck 07/20/2010
x	Migratory Birds	/s/ Rebecca L. Peck 07/20/2010
	Surface Protection	
	Hazardous Materials	
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	
	Visual Resources	
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
	Energy Policy	

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Project Name

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A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Katherine's Landing and Oatman Nuisance Wild Burro Removal

Location of Proposed Action:

Black Mountain Herd Management Area in the Lake Mead National Park, Katherine's Landing, and Oatman, Mohave County, Arizona.

Description of Proposed Action:

The removal of up to 15 nuisance wild burros would be conducted in the months of July through September, 2010. (See Map 1 on Page 3.)

A bait trap would be placed on National Park Service land in an area where burros have created a nuisance situation. Burros are enticed into a corral constructed with a one way gate; the animals enter, but not able to exit the corral. Since wild burros generally have not acquired a taste for alfalfa hay, it takes time to get them used to hay and panels before initiating a bait trapping operation. Once burros begin to utilize the hay offered, a temporary corral would be constructed around the bait site. The bait trap would be temporary and the area can be reclaimed just by removing the corral panels, raking up hay and manure.

Burros removed from private land in Oatman are enticed into a corral constructed on private property the night before they are picked up by BLM.

Background:

Kingman Field Office has received several complaints from National Park Service pertaining to numerous wild burros residing in the Katherine's Landing recreational area. Burros have been breaking irrigation sprinkler heads, eating vegetation and creating a general nuisance. Five to seven burros have been traveling through the area and have created a safety hazard for the public driving on the park entrance road.

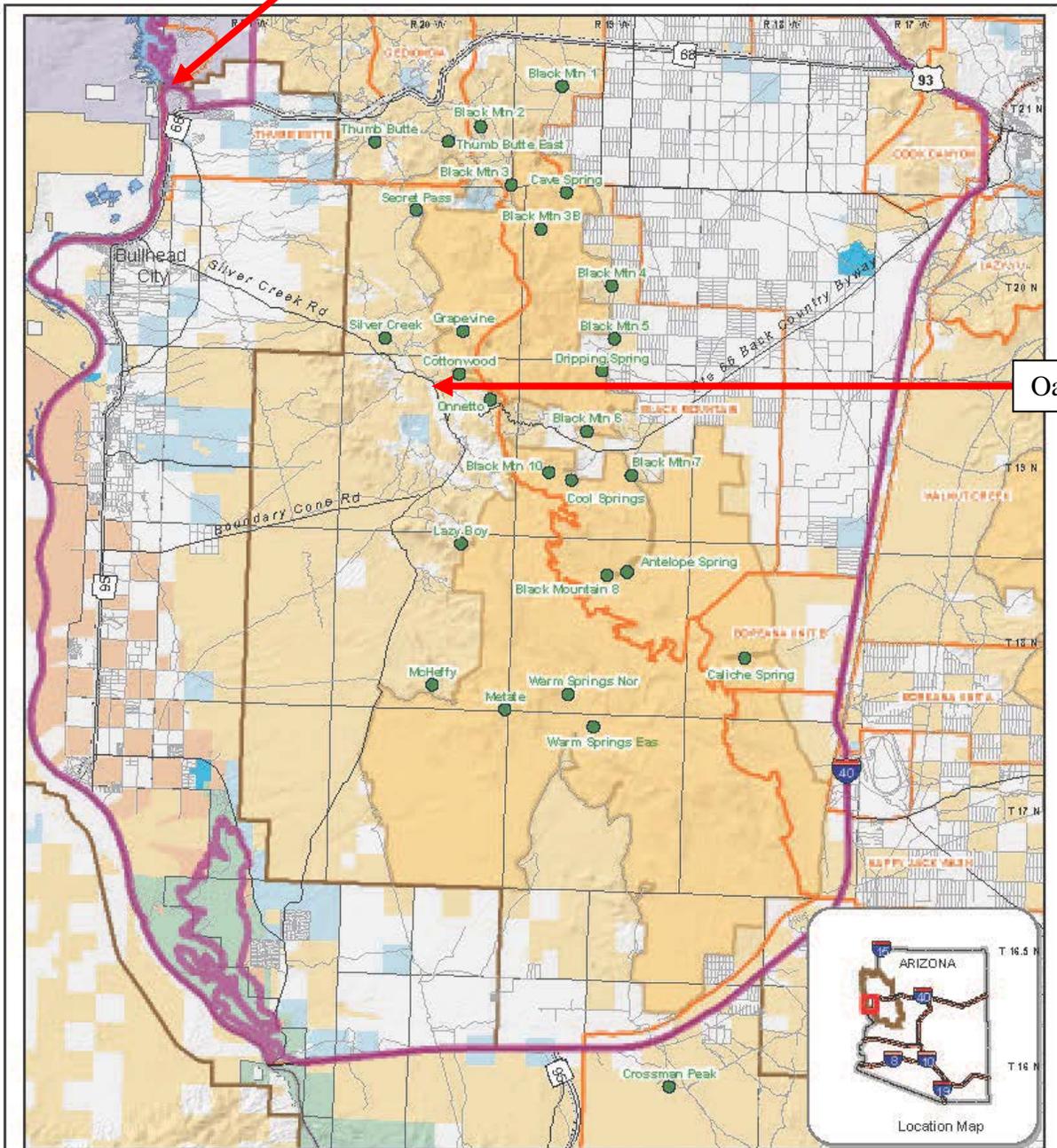
Kingman Field Office has an agreement with the town of Oatman to manage for 10 burros to reside in Oatman through the Black Mountain Herd Management Plan of 1980. Annually Oatman shop owners request BLM to remove the current year's crop of foals. The foals are kept in town with their mother's until they are old enough to be weaned.

Individuals and agencies (including those who have expressed issues with the burros) will be notified by phone calls, email, or face to face contact prior to any initial bait trapping of the burros.

Map 1

Katherine's Landing NPS

Oatman



Black Mtn (South) Herd Management Area
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LEGEND

- Black Mtns HMA
- Burro Study Site
- Allotment Boundary
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Wilderness
- Private Lands
- State Lands
- Indian Lands
- USFWS
- NPS



Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No, actually public safety will improve when burros are removed.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	No
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	No
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	No

