

The Clan Alpine, South Stillwater and the Carson City portions of the Augusta Mountain, Desatoya, New Pass and North Stillwater HAs were first delineated in the Clan Alpine URA. The aerial reconnaissance flights which were used in making these delineations were conducted in 1975. Overlays were constructed from data gathered during these flights. These overlays were incorporated into the Clan Alpine URA, and are stored at the Carson City District Office. Map 5 is a photocopy of the original URA overlays showing the earliest and only delineation of the HAs. In the draft Lahontan RMP and EIS a map depicting horse use areas is used for analysis purposes only so the impacts to other resources could be identified and discussed. This map shows the areas that the horses were using in 1984, which represents a population increase above the 1975 levels which lead to an expansion of the population to areas outside of the HAs.

In some documents, Herd Use Areas (HUAs), Herd Units and other terms were used to describe areas that wild horses were using at the time these documents were written, however, these areas were not necessarily the recognized official HAs or HMAs and in most cases are larger than the earliest delineation of the 1971 HAs because of population increases which lead to expansions into areas outside of the HAs. A map depicting all of the HUAs state wide (Aug. 1983) shows HUAs within the Lahontan Resource Area much larger than the earliest delineation of the 1971 HAs because it shows the approximate areas that horses/burros used at that time. The areas that were identified in the URAs mentioned above are the official HAs as of 1971 and management of wild horses is restricted to these areas. CFR 43 4710.4 states that "management of wild horses and burros shall be undertaken with the objective of limiting the animals distribution to Herd Areas".

The approximate acreage and estimated 1971 population level of wild horses within the Lahontan Resource Area, Carson City District are summarized below:

HA	Approximate acres from original URA overlays	Estimated 1971 population	Date of Count***
Augusta Mt.	90,374*	17**	1975
Clan Alpine	314,986	513	1975
Dogskin Mt.	6,895	6	1972-73
Desatoya	23,110*	42**	1975
Flanigan	17,101	96	1972-73
Fort Sage	2,043*	14**	1972-73
Granite Peak	3,886	6	1972-73
Horse Mt.	52,422	27	1975
Horse Spring	30,540	27	1975
Lahontan	11,029	4	1975
New Pass	24,669*	121**	1975
N. Stillwater	45,773*	34**	1975
S. Stillwater	9,940	10	1975
Tule Ridge	4,009	7	1972-73
Pah Rah	23,045	101	1972-73

* Includes only the acreage within the Lahontan Resource Area.

** Includes only the number of wild horses within the Lahontan Resource Area.

*** Aerial reconnaissance flights.

Acreage stated above may include private lands and other lands not administered by the BLM.