

DESATOYA HA:

The Desatoyas HA (map 5) lies within 2 districts (Carson City & Battle Mountain) and the Carson City portion was first delineated in 1975. This HA contains approximately 23,110 acres of both public and private land within the Carson City portion. Map 5 delineates the Carson City portion of the HA and was derived directly from the original URA overlays made in 1975, and is the first and only delineation of this HA. The area that was identified in the URA mentioned above is the official HA and management of wild horses is restricted to this area (CFR 43 4710.4). The map of the Lahontan Resource Area HAs and HMAs found in the Lahontan Management Decisions summary 1987 update (map 1) is only approximate and not meant to represent an accurate boundary of the Desatoya HA. During production the shaded area delineating the HA was inadvertently shifted over to the left and was not corrected. The actual HA is as shown in map 5 which was derived directly from the 1975 URA overlays which delineated the HAs. In the draft Lahontan RMP and EIS a map depicting horse use areas is used. This map was developed to show the areas that wild horses were using so the impacts to other resources could be identified and discussed during the development of the RMP which was published in 1984. This map was constructed for analysis purposes only. Population increases since 1975 lead to an expansion of the population to areas outside of the official HA.

FLANIGAN HA:

The Flanigan HA (maps 1 & 2) was first delineated in 1973 and contains approximately 17,101 acres of both public and private lands. However, approximately 627 acres lie east of the Red Light fence which is an allotment boundary fence constructed in 1952. Apparently during the 1972-73 HA reconnaissance flights 2 horses were seen on the east side of the fence or the fence was not recognized from the air. Map 2 delineates the HA and was derived directly from the original URA overlays made in 1973, and is the first and only delineation of this HA. The area that was identified in the URA mentioned above is the official HA and management of wild horses is restricted to this area (CFR 43 4710.4). In the 1976 Herd Management Area Plan (which was never fully implemented) several herd boundaries were depicted, these boundaries were larger than the official HA because of population increases which caused some horses to move to areas outside of areas identified in 1972-73. These herd use boundaries were depicted in order to show the expansion of the horses and the approximate area that they were currently using. There is no record of how these unofficial herd boundaries were delineated, however, they are not the official HA as delineated in February 1973 and therefore, do not reflect the area used by horses during the 1972-73 reconnaissance flights used in establishing the official HAs. In the 1985 removal plan for the Fort Sage/ Flanigan HAs a HUA boundary delineated a larger area than the HA because of population increases since 1972-73. This map was made to show the approximate area that the horses were using at that time. In the draft Reno EIS a map depicting "wild horse use areas" is also used. This map was developed to show the areas that wild horses were using so the impacts to other resources could be identified and discussed. This map was constructed for analysis purposes only during the development of the MFP which was published in 1982. Population increases since 1972-73 lead to an expansion of the population to areas outside of the official HA.