

Title: Term Permit Renewals for Authorization Numbers 2705030, 2705033, 2705074 and 2705086 on the Pahranaagat East Allotment (#11027).

The proposed action is to renew the term grazing permits for Authorization Numbers 2705030, 2705033, 2705074 and 2705086 on the Pahranaagat East Allotment (#11027). The issuance of the term grazing permits would be for a period of up to ten years.

Permit #2705030 was previously issued for the period 3/01/04 – 2/28/2014, while the remaining permits were previously issued for the period 3/01/03 – 2/28/2013. All four permits currently authorize cattle grazing according to the following:

ALLOTMENT		Authorization Num.	LIVESTOCK		GRAZING PERIOD		** % Public Land	Active Use	AUMs		
Name	Number		* Number	Kind	Begin	End			Hist. Use	Susp. Use	Total Use
Pahranaagat East	11027	#2705030	16	C	8/01	5/31	100	157	0	157	
		#2705033	16	C	8/01	5/31	100	156	0	156	
		#2705074	12	C	8/01	5/31	100	120	0	120	
		#2705086	8	C	8/01	5/31	100	78	0	78	

* These numbers are approximate

** This is for billing purposes only.

The Pahranaagat East Allotment, a land based allotment having four permittees, is located within Lincoln County in the south-central portion of the Ely District BLM. It is approximately 40 miles southwest of Caliente, Nevada; and approximately five miles south of Hiko, Nevada (Map #1). It is located within the White River South Watershed (#160C), and is approximately 34,146 acres in size. Cattle are the type of livestock grazed on the allotment. Elevations range from approximately 5,600 feet near the east boundary of the allotment to approximately 3,600 feet near the west boundary.

Neither the allotment nor any of its portions are located within a Wild Horse Herd Management Area (HMA), Wilderness or Wilderness Study Area. However, the approximate west half of the south half of the allotment contains habitat for the federally threatened Agassiz’s desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) (Map #2). There are no known riparian areas located within the allotment.

An evaluation of rangeland monitoring data and rangeland health will be conducted for the allotment. This data will be summarized in a Standards Determination Document that will be provided for public review at a later date.

General Location:

Pahranaagat East Allotment

T.4 S., R.61 E., MDBM, many sections

T.5 S., R. 60, 61 E., MDBM, many sections

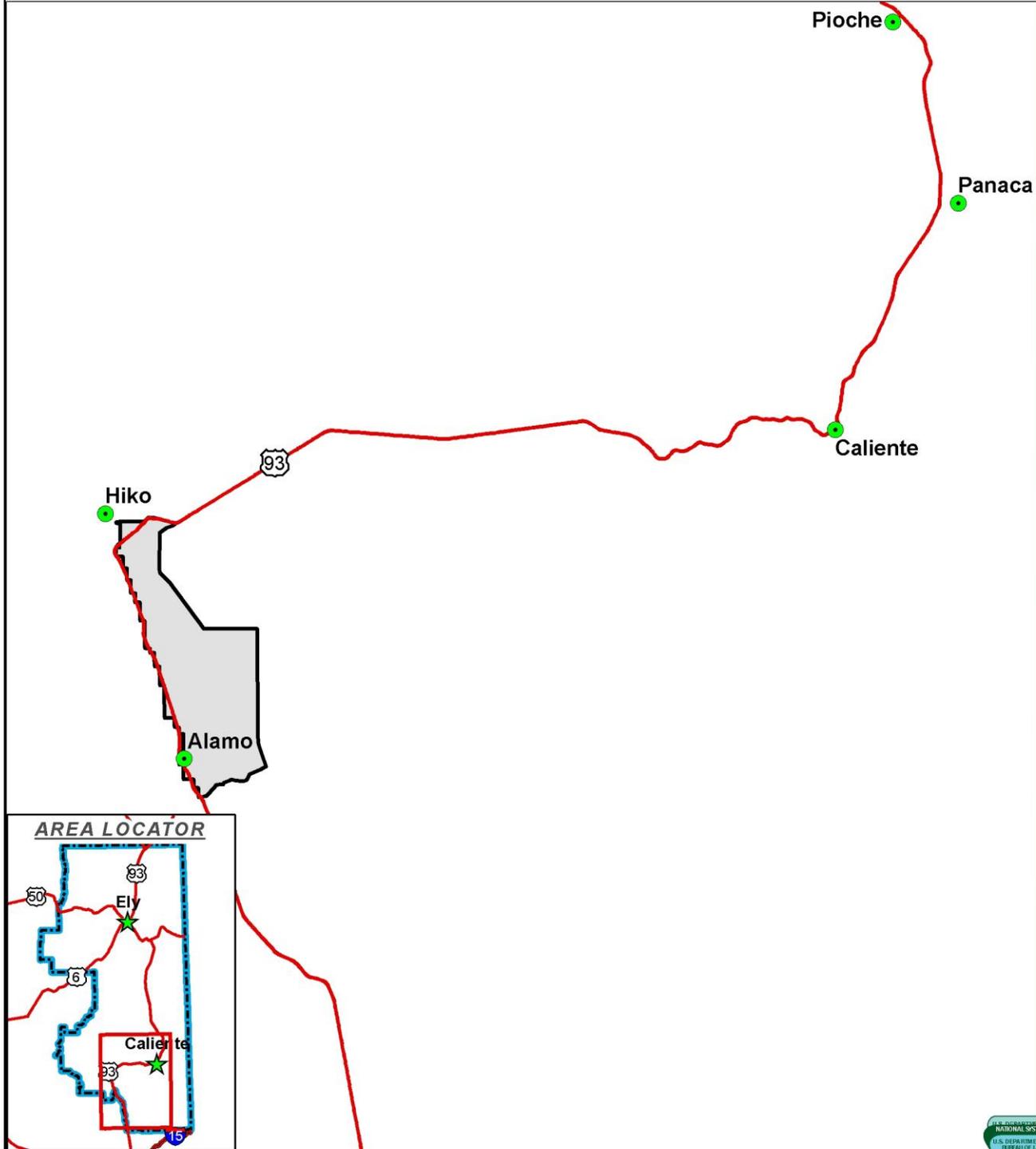
T.6 S., R. 61 E., MDBM, many sections

T.7 S., R. 61, 62 E., MDBM, many sections

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Location of the Pahrana gat East Allotment (#11027) with Respect to the Surrounding Towns.

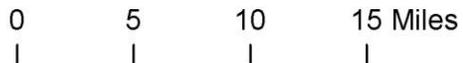


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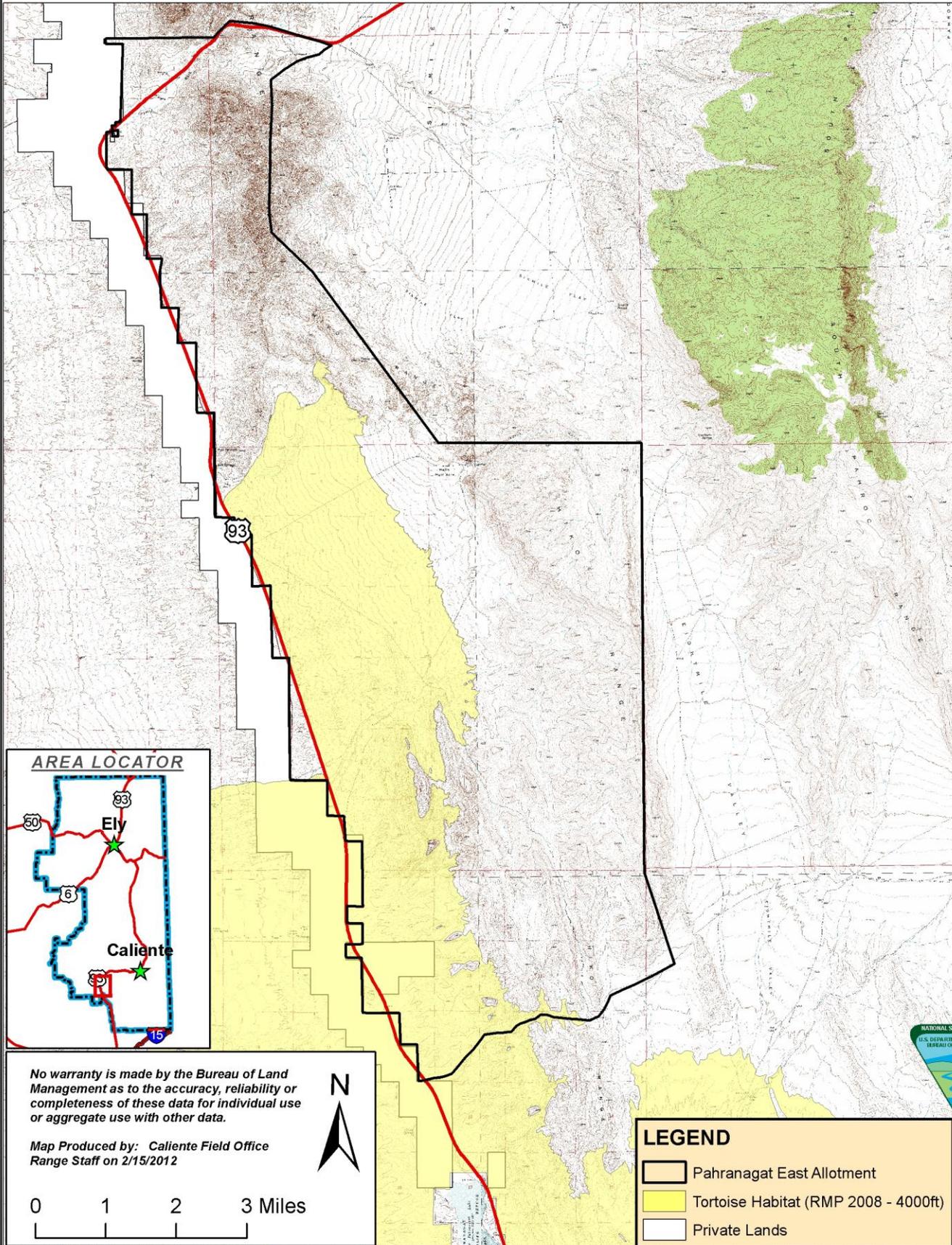
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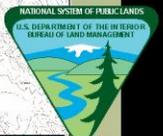
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- Cities & Towns
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Location of Agassiz's Desert Tortoise Habitat within the Pahranaagat East Allotment (#11027).



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	Pahranaagat East Allotment
	Tortoise Habitat (RMP 2008 - 4000ft)
	Private Lands