

**Title:** Term grazing permit renewals for authorization numbers 2703863 and 2705132 on the Lower Lake West Allotment (#11013)

The proposed action is to fully process the renewal of the term grazing permits for authorization numbers 2703863 and 2705132 on the Lower Lake West Allotment (#11013). The issuance of the term grazing permits would be for a period of up to ten years.

Both current term grazing permits have been issued for the period 3/01/2013 – 9/30/2013, and authorize cattle grazing according to the following:

ALLOTMENT		Authorization Num.	LIVESTOCK		GRAZING PERIOD		** %	Active Use	AUMs		
Name	Number		* Number	Kind	Begin	End	Public Land		Hist. Use	Susp. Use	Permitted Use
Lower Lake West	11013	#2703863	54	cattle	3/1	2/28	100%	647	0	647	
		#2705132	50	cattle	3/1	2/28	100%	600	0	600	

\* These numbers are approximate

\*\* This is for billing purposes only.

The Lower Lake West Allotment, a land based allotment having two permittees, is located in central Lincoln County, Nevada. It is approximately 60 miles southwest of Caliente, Nevada and approximately 20 miles south of Hiko, Nevada (Map #1). It is located within the White River South Watershed (#160C), and is approximately 48,500 acres in size. Cattle are the type of livestock grazed on the allotment. Elevations range from approximately 7,000 feet near the north boundary of the allotment to approximately 3,500 feet near the east boundary.

Neither the allotment nor any of its portions are located within a Wild Horse Herd Management Area (HMA), wilderness or wilderness study area.

The east portion of the Lower lake West Allotment contains habitat for the federally threatened Agassiz’s desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) (Map #2). Desert tortoise critical habitat and desert tortoise Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) do not exist within the allotment. The central and west portions of the allotment also contain bighorn sheep habitat.

There are no known riparian areas located within the allotment on BLM managed lands. However, there are two existing livestock watering locations on the allotment. Water hauling is the sole means by which water is supplied in the allotment. The permittee has proposed eight more new waterhaul locations within the allotment, to attain better livestock distribution, which will yield a total of ten waterhauling locations (Map #2).

The Shooting Gallery ACEC occurs in the northwest portion of 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:

Lower Lake West Allotment

T.7 S., R.59 E., MDBM, many sections

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

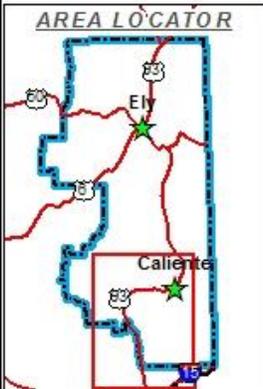
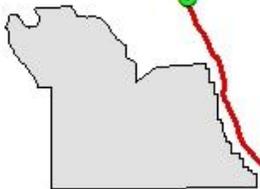
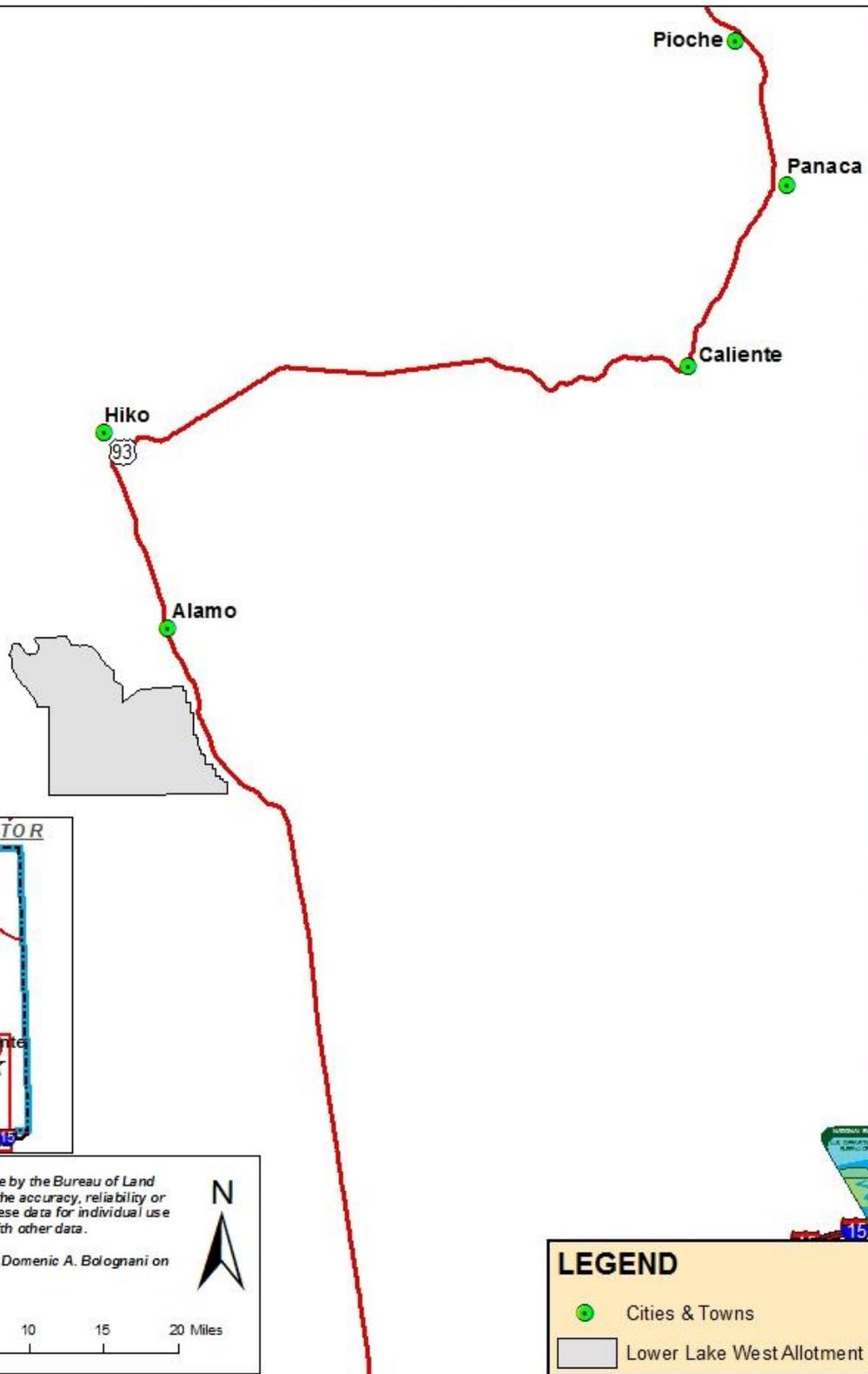
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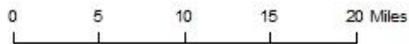
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Location of the Lower Lake West Allotment (#11013)  
with Respect to the Surrounding Towns.



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Location of Eight Proposed Permanent Waterhaul Locations and a Proposed Permanent Corral on the Lower Lake West Allotment with Respect to Existing Waters, Desert Tortoise and Bighorn Sheep Habitat, and the Shooting Gallery Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

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