

The proposed action is to fully process the renewal of the term grazing permits for authorization numbers 2703255, 2705038, 2703383, 2705118, 2705071 and 2705070 on the Snow Springs Allotment (#01074). The issuance of the term grazing permits would be for a period of up to ten years.

All six term permits, which authorized cattle grazing, were issued according to the following:

ALLOTMENT		Authorization Num.	LIVESTOCK		GRAZING PERIOD		** % Public Land	AUMs			Term	
Name	Number		* Number	Kind	Begin	End		Active Use	Hist. Susp. Use	Total Use	Begin	End
Snow Springs	01081	#2703255	54	C	10/1	5/15	100	405	0	405	5/6/2008	2/28/2018
		#2705038	166	C	10/1	5/15	100	1238	0	1238	3/1/2003	2/28/2013
		#2703383	45	C	10/1	5/15	100	338	0	338	9/4/2009	8/31/2019
		#2705118	130	C	10/1	5/15	100	970	0	970	4/22/2010	8/31/2019
		#2705071	46	C	10/1	5/15	100	338	0	338	9/30/2010	9/29/2020
		#2705070	38	C	10/1	5/15	100	284	0	284	3/1/2003	2/28/2013

\* These numbers are approximate

\*\* This is for billing purposes only.

The Snow Springs Allotment, a land based allotment having five (5) permittees with six (6) grazing authorizations, is located in central Lincoln County, Nevada. It is approximately 40 miles southeast of Caliente, Nevada and approximately 15 miles northwest of Mesquite, Nevada (Map #1). The allotment spans parts of the Beaver Dam, Tule Desert, and Toquop Watersheds, and is approximately 44,376 acres in size. Elevations range from approximately 4,500 feet on the hill tops in the north to approximately 2,800 feet in the low lands in the southern end of the allotment.

Neither the allotment nor any of its portions are located within a Wild Horse Herd Management Area (HMA). There no Wilderness areas located within the allotment. The entire allotment contains habitat for the federally threatened Agassiz's desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*), with 6,358 acres designated as desert tortoise critical habitat on the southern end of the allotment (Map #2).

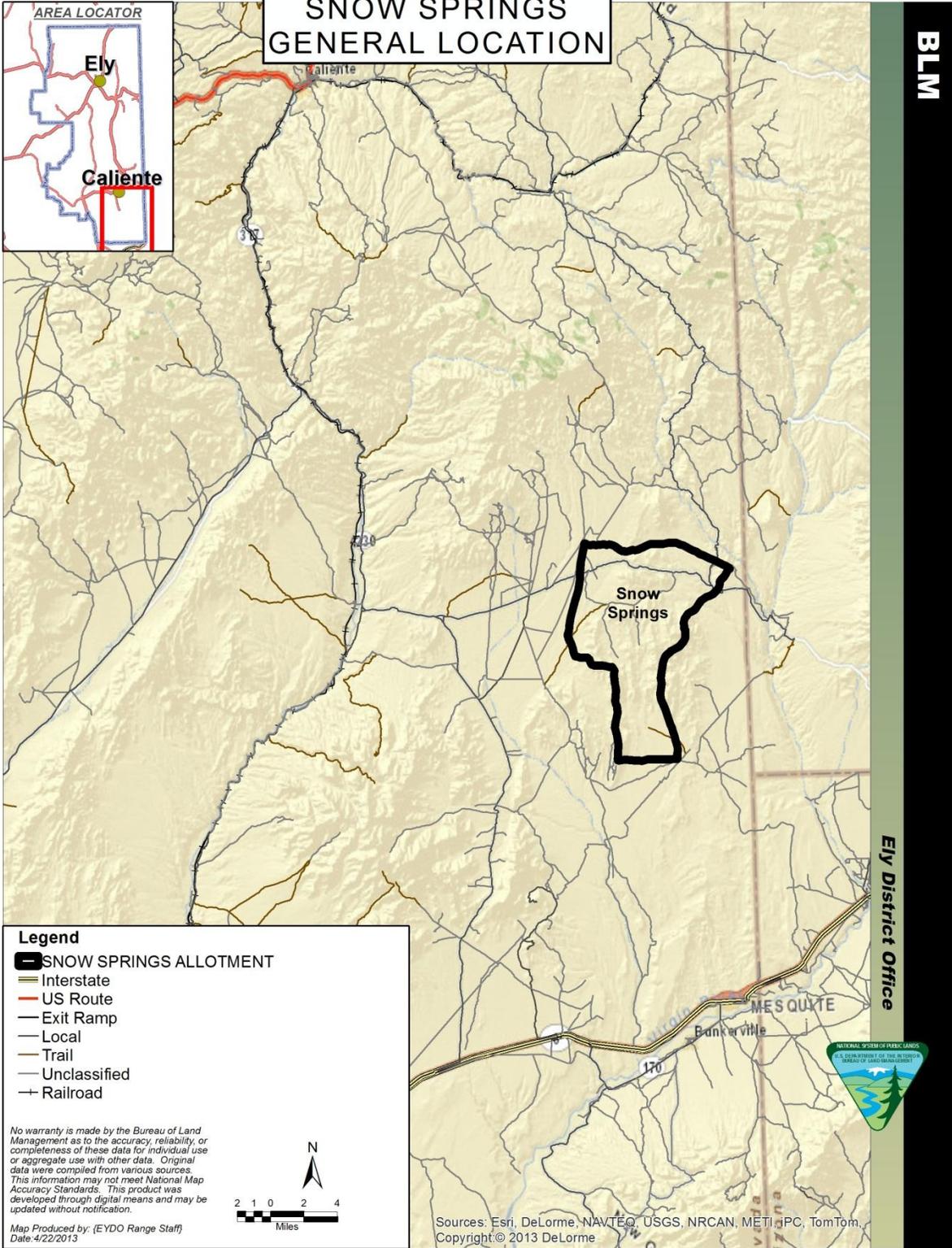
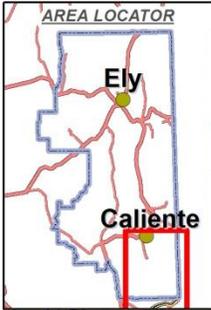
There are known developed springs that service livestock watering locations on the allotment (Map #2). Water hauling is another means by which water is supplied in the rest of the allotment which is not serviceable by spring flow.

In the summer of 2005, the Duzak Fire, located in Lincoln County Nevada, started due to lightning (Map #3). The fire burned nearly 332,000 acres which includes the entire Snow Springs Allotment with the exception of approximately 4200 acres on the western most edge of

the allotment. Records show approximately 300 acres of burn area were seeded in the north end 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.

# SNOW SPRINGS GENERAL LOCATION

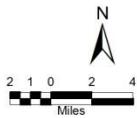


### Legend

- SNOW SPRINGS ALLOTMENT
- Interstate
- US Route
- Exit Ramp
- Local
- Trail
- Unclassified
- Railroad

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