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## Saulsbury Herd Management Area Nye County, Nevada



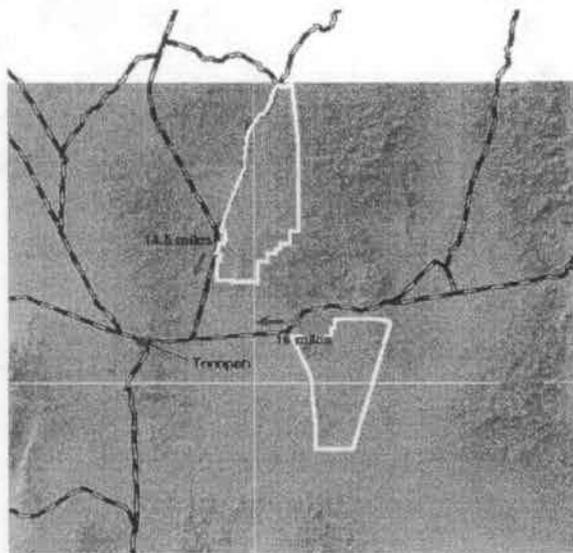
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### Location/Habitat

The Saulsbury Herd Management Area (HMA) is 16 miles east of Tonopah, Nevada, and is separated into two parcels (north & south) by lands administered by the Forest Service in Nye County. This area consists of 140,270 acres with North Saulsbury being 21 miles long and 9 miles wide and South Saulsbury being 15 miles long and 6 miles wide. Elevations range from 8,173 feet on Sheep Mountain against the Forest Service boundary to a low of 5,292 feet against the Nellis Test Site boundary. North Saulsbury receives 8 to 10 inches of annual precipitation; South Saulsbury receives 5 to 8 inches.

### Vegetation

The salt desert shrub vegetation type dominates the alluvial fans and the lower foothills in the lower elevations. The sagebrush vegetation type occurs in the mountains and hills within the higher precipitation zones. The sagebrush vegetation type is dominated by black sagebrush with some scattered populations of Wyoming big sage. The pinyon-juniper woodlands vegetation type is limited in extent and is located in the upper elevations of the Monitor Range.



### **Herd Description**

This area was to be managed in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service Wild Horse Territory (WHT) under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). With budget cuts and lack of personnel, these areas are managed by the agency of jurisdiction as smaller, individual units. At this time, the BLM and the Forest Service are attempting to look at a more regional basis for managing wild horses in this area. Regardless of political boundaries, the wild horses in the Saulsbury HMA and the Monitor Wild Horse Territory are the same horses and spend part of their lives in both administrative areas.