



## Kamma Mountains Herd Management Area Pershing County, Nevada

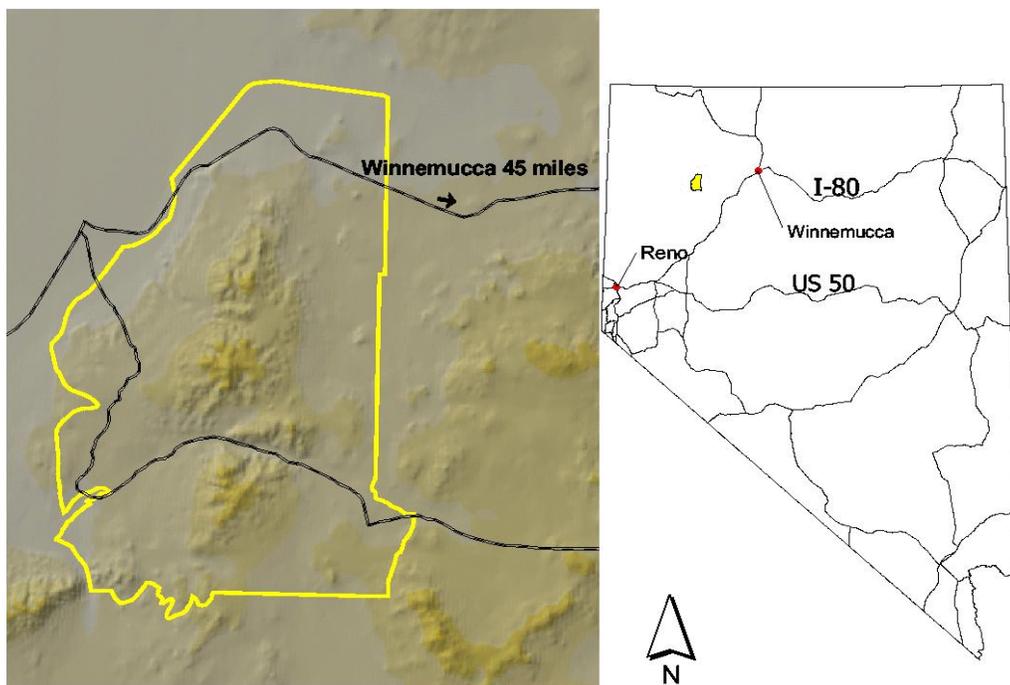


### Location/Habitat

The Kamma Mountains Herd Management Area (HMA) is located in western Pershing County, approximately 90 miles northeast of Reno, Nevada. The HMA contains approximately 57,445 acres of unfenced public and private land. The terrain in the area consists of north-south trending mountains separated by broad valleys. Elevations within the HMA range from 4,300 feet along the valley floor to 6,514 at Rosebud Peak. Climate in the summer is characterized by warm dry days and cool nights. Low yearly precipitation ranges from 4 to 6 inches at lower elevations to approximately 8 inches at higher elevations. The area is also utilized by domestic livestock (cattle and sheep) and numerous wildlife species. Typical wildlife species found in the area include mule deer, pronghorn antelope, chukar partridge, coyotes, and various rodents.

### Vegetation

Vegetation varies from salt desert shrub communities at lower elevations to big sagebrush/grass communities at upper elevations. Typical species in the salt desert shrub community includes shadscale, bud sage, winterfat, black greasewood, Indian ricegrass, squirreltail



and desert needlegrass. Species typical of the sagebrush/grass communities include low sage, Wyoming sagebrush, desert peach, rabbitbrush, needlegrass, basin wild-rye, squirreltail, Indian paintbrush and phlox.

**Herd Description**

The appropriate management level (AML) for wild horses in the HMA is managed in a range from 46 to 77 head. Periodic removals are conducted to maintain this population level. Horses within the HMA are descendants of ranch horses and horses that either escaped or were released into the area. The majority of horses exhibit a bay, brown or sorrel color pattern. It is not possible to provide specific information on parentage of wild horses found within the area.