

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nevada
COUNTY: Nye
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ENTRY DATE NOV 19 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: James Wild Horse Trap ~~SITE~~

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~Seven miles southeast of the Clear Creek Ranch~~
about 5 miles of Fish Springs

CITY OR TOWN: Fish Springs, Nev. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: One at large

STATE: Nevada CODE: 32 COUNTY: Nye CODE: 023

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) not used
Yes:		<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments		_____ _____ _____	

4. AGENCY

Bureau of Land Management

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

STREET AND NUMBER: N. 2nd & Scott Street

CITY OR TOWN: Battle Mountain STATE: Nevada CODE: 32

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Nye County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: n/a

CITY OR TOWN: Tonopah STATE: Nevada CODE: 32

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

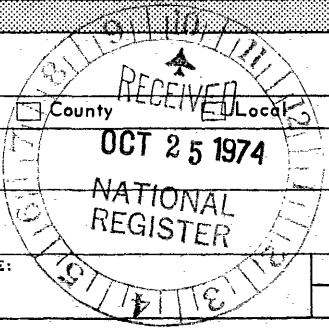
TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

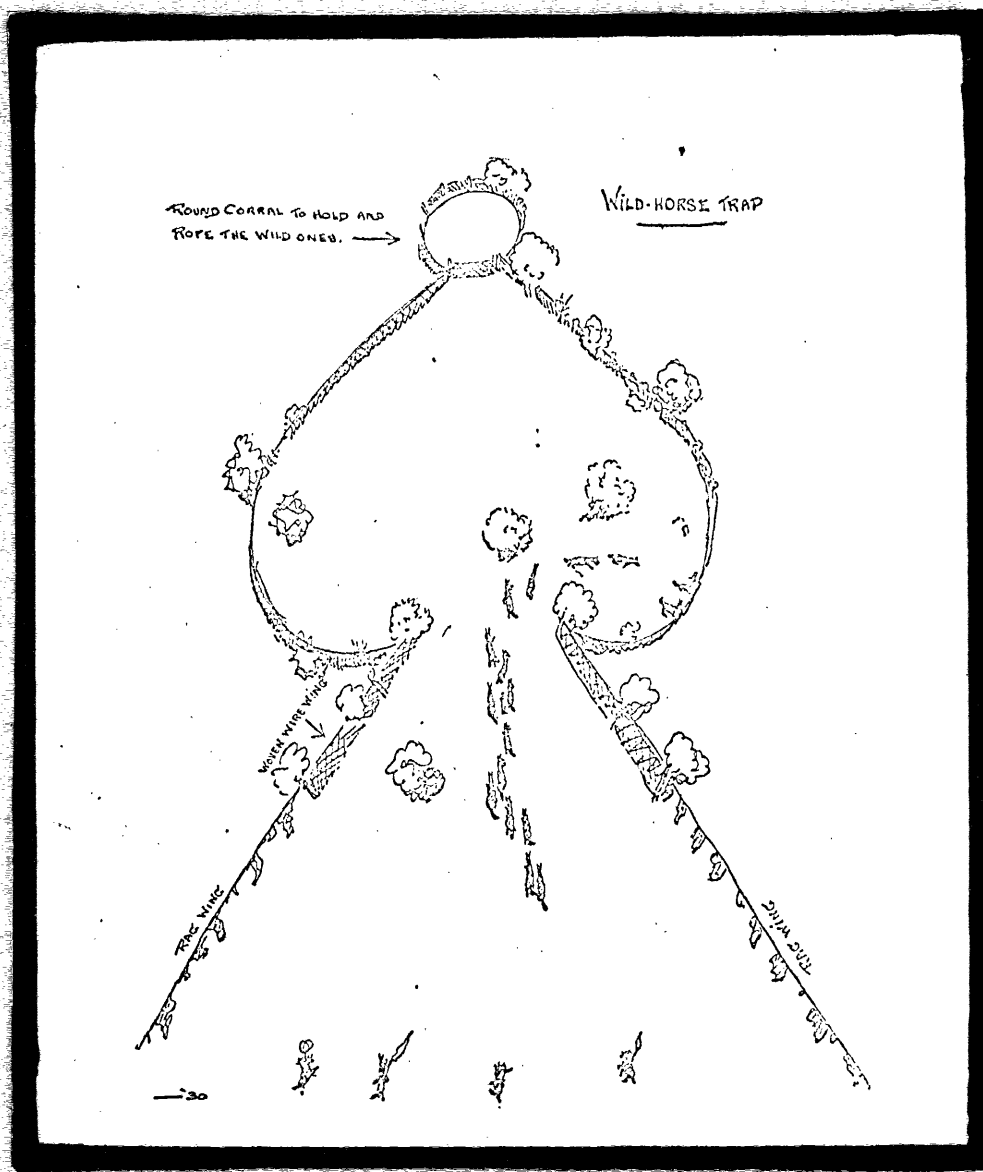
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Corral and wings constructed of Juniper posts and brush. Almost all the building material is still in place. Some deterioration has taken place causing the structure to suffer from breakage and some material falling to the ground. Alterations was done when construction of a road and pipeline was approved through the middle section.

The trap has the following dimensions: The corral is 20 yards in diameter the south rag line or wing is 1/4 mile long, and the north wing is 200 yards long. The total area involved with the trap is 40 acres.

Estimate of age is early 1900's. Attached is a schematic drawing of a wild horse trap.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Exploitation of</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>wildlife natural</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>resources</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

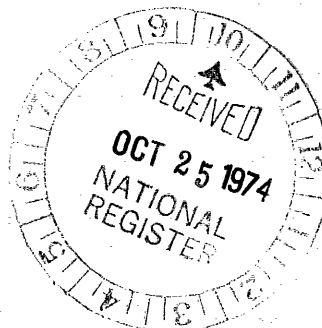
A wild horse trap similar to those described by Will James in his book, SAND. Dead juniper trees have been lined up to serve as wing fences. Two wing fences funnel horses driven down a draw and into a circular corral. The fences were placed to blend with the terrain and vegetation in order to fool the horses.

Wild horse traps were basically designed like the drawing (Item #7). The procedure was for four to six riders to run a wild herd off the range into the wings of the trap, called rag wings. Next was the heart in which the herd was trapped. At the head of the heart was a sturdy corral used to hold the herd until it was fence-broke. Quite often smooth wire was used with rags tied on to scare the horses off in the right direction. The wire was reused at different traps. This whole process was very tricky in that the drivers starting at singularly wide intervals to move the herd in the right direction and into the trap wings.

The traps were only a temporary quarters. The wild horses were roped, thrown and one front foot was tied to the tail. This was the way they were trailed to a permanent pasture. Wild horses were trapped to remove them off the range. Some were contracted to be sold for rodeo or stock, while other contracts called for killing.

James Wild Horse Trap is being nominated because of its obvious visual education ability. The current interest in wild horse protection and management increases the interest to the public to see what was used when running, killing and harassing wild horses was a common accepted practice. This is a visual evidence of a change in human/social values.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

James, Will, "Lone Cowboy," Charles Scribners Son's,
New York, 1930.

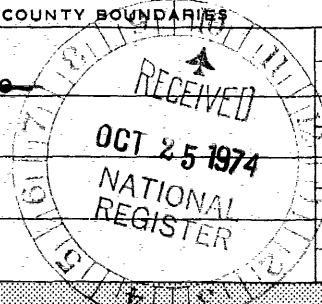
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 38° 46 '24.5"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 116° 21 '30 "		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NE	38° 46 '24.5"	116° 21 '25 "				
SE	38° 46 '17.5"	116° 21 '25 "				
SW	38° 46 '17.5"	116° 21 '30 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **40 Acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Nevada	32	Nye	023
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Donald W. Jarvis, Range Conservationist** DATE: **12/30/73**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Bureau of Land Management, Post Office Box 194**

STREET AND NUMBER: **N. 2nd & Scott Street** PHONE: **635-2376**

CITY OR TOWN: **Battle Mountain** STATE: **Nevada** CODE: **32**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- Yes
- No
- None

C. C. White
State Liaison Officer Signature

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. B. Winters
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

Date: **11/19/74**

ATTEST:

Charles Adams 10/17/74
Federal Representative Signature Date
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Title

Charles Adams
Keeper of The National Register
Date: **11.15.74**

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