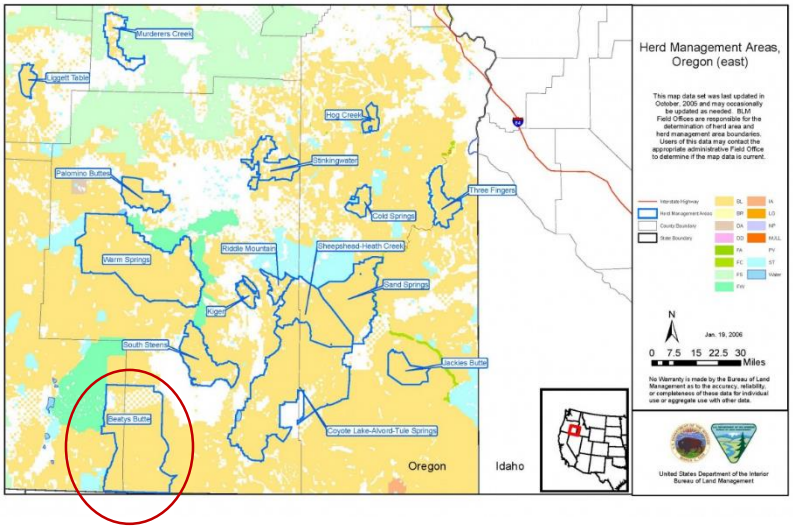
Beaty Butte Wild Horse Predicament

- Beaty Butte Horse Management Area (HMA) = 437,120 acres of BLM, state and private land near Lakeview, OR.
- Horse population = 1,500 animals.
- Appropriate Management Level (AML) = 100-250
- Sagebrush ecosystem in core sage-grouse habitat. Overgrazing by horses has damaged plant community, resulting in increased erosion and loss of wildlife habitat.
- Ecosystem damage exacerbated by drought conditions.



Need to reduce number of animals close to AML. How to accomplish this?

1) Plan to reduce number of horses
    - Procedure?
    - Timeline?
    - What could go wrong?
2) How to address people's concerns?