

Region: Southwest

Date: December 11, 1963

State(s): New Mexico

Initiated for 1965 F.Y.

Field Area: Bandelier National Monument

Regional Priority:

Program Proposal: Burro Investigation and Management Study Program

Estimate of Initial Program Cost: \$9,000

Salaries: \$8,000

Supplies: \$1,000

General Nature of Study: The proposed study is to increase control over this exotic species aimed towards removal and/or eradication from the Monument. The proposed study carried out over a two year period will give an insight into the amount of damage done to the terrain and the competition the burro are giving the deer. It will lead to a more effective control program.

Proposed Investigator(s): New Mexico Game and Fish Department and the National Park Service.

Past and Existing Status of Proposal: There has been no formal study of the burro situation in Bandelier to date. However, a control program was approved by the Director in 1940, but no reference has been found as to the result of such a control program or the methods used in the reduction of the herd. This program was evidently dropped.

This program should be established using improved control methods. The following goals should be achieved: (1) Elimination or reduction in the size of the present herd (100); (2) Reduction in the amount of damage to terrain and vegetation caused by this exotic species.