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Dear Ms. Schaaf:

On June 5, 2002, you hand delivered a letter to the Elko Field Office. This letter stated, "I write as one of the legal representatives for Mary and Carrie Dann to inform you that, because of their concern for the range and resource management, the Danns will take immediate steps to round up and remove all but 100 of their horses in the so-called Buckhorn Allotment. The Danns will remove 250 horses (plus-or-minus) in Crescent Valley by June 30, 2002 (that is, those horses that can be rounded up without risk of harm to the animals). The remainder of the horses that are part of this reduction will be removed when the temperature permits, but no later than November 30, 2002. The Danns also agree to maintain an average of no more than 100 horses, realizing that the actual number of horses may be slightly more or less in any given year."

According to information available to the BLM, 164 horses were removed from the South Buckhorn allotment by July 30, 2002. As noted above, your letter indicated that significant numbers of horses would be removed this fall. To date, neither the Elko Field Office nor the Brand Inspector for the State of Nevada has received any indication that the Dann sisters are proceeding with any additional horse removals.

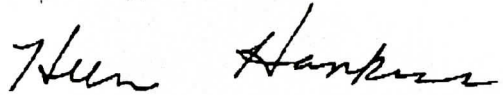
As stated in previous correspondence and in personal conversations with you, the BLM has significant concerns about the continuing and significant degradation of the public lands in the South Buckhorn allotment. Data collected in Brock and Cottonwood Canyons show these streams to be significantly degraded.

These streams and springs in the area are in non-functioning condition. Similarly, data on range condition on significant portions of the allotment show the uplands to be in very poor condition.

The purpose of this letter is to request that you or your client advise the Elko Field Office within 14 days of receipt of this letter as to your intent to remove the horses on the South Buckhorn Allotment as proposed in your June 5, 2002 letter.

The BLM remains interested in a resolution of the long-standing disputes with the Dann sisters over the unauthorized grazing of the public lands in the South Buckhorn allotment.

Sincerely,



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