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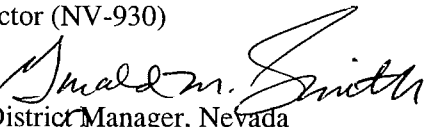
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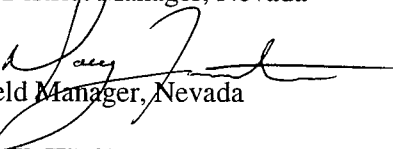
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### Memorandum

To: Deputy State Director (NV-930)

Through: Gerald M. Smith,   
Battle Mountain District Manager, Nevada

From: Doug Furtado,   
Mount Lewis Field Manager, Nevada

Subject: REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY GATHER APPROVAL FOR THE CALLAGHAN  
COMPLEX

Please refer to the attached Information Memorandum concerning Emerging Issues of an Emergency for the Callaghan Complex Herd Management Areas (HMAs) administered by the Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO). Also enclosed for your review is the Interdisciplinary Team Evaluation of the Callaghan Complex HMAs.

These items were prepared by the MLFO staff at the request of Susie Stokke in order to document the need to complete a gather of the Callaghan Complex wild horse HMAs. Drought conditions, scarce forage, degraded rangeland, damaged riparian conditions and a wild horse population that is 5 times the Appropriate Management Level (AML) has created a situation that could quickly result in emergency conditions for the wild horses of the Callaghan Complex as winter progresses. In order to prevent such an emergency, it is imperative that a gather be conducted as soon as feasible.

The MLFO staff are prepared to initiate a gather at a moment's notice with issuance of a Decision and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) once gather approval is granted. The health of the rangelands and the future sustainability of the Callaghan Complex wild horses are high priorities for the Battle Mountain District.

### Attachments

cc:  
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