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Kathy Barcomb
Wild Horse Commission
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Dear Kathy,

This letter is to let you know that we will be gathering the wild horses on the Flanigan starting sometime after the 11th of October. We will be using Jim Hicks of Helicopter Roundup Service for our helicopter pilot.

After using other pilots the last couple of years, there is no doubt in our minds that Jim can herd wild horses or burros more humanly than any other pilot, unless Dave flies in the helicopter and directs them. We feel Dave should not be flying, but needs to be available on the ground. Especially now that we are not only trapping the animals, but, sorting them all thru the chute as well.

Jim herds the animals instead of running them. This means he puts less pressure on the animals, the bands do not split up, and foals or weak horses do not drop behind. When the bands are split up the animals left behind will turn around and go back, and then the pilot has to go back after them. This causes the animals to travel great distances unnecessarily. Jim trails the animals much like you would cattle, he doesn't force them, just lets them pick their pace and their natural trails, and then keeps them going in the direction he needs to.

I don't think you have ever watched Jim herd horses, but I know you may have some concerns because of past gathers. We feel Jim's "reputation" is jealous rumors and unreasonable blame. But we did want you to know, and we'd like to have you come out and watch the gather. Hope to see you at Flanigan!

Sincerely,

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