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Wild Horse Organized Assistance, Inc.
c/o Mrs. Dawn Lappin
P.O. Box 555
Reno, Nevada 89504

Dear Mrs. Lappin:

We received your request through the Nevada State Office for notification regarding activities within the Ely District concerning the wild horse and burro program. Specifically, you requested the names of individuals awarded gather contracts in fiscal year 1985 and range improvements or other projects prior to construction in fiscal year 1985, to include stipulations, which might affect wild horses and burros.

The Ely District has no gather contracts awarded at this time; but you will be notified of the individual awarded any gather contracts as they are awarded this fiscal year. We do plan on a gather of the Monte Cristo herd this summer.

The enclosed list shows the Ely District's FY 85 range improvements and other projects to be constructed. The projects that are within a wild horse area and which could affect wild horses are marked with an asterisk. Environmental assessments are completed on all projects and impacts to the wild horses have been analyzed for each project.

The following stipulations apply to the fence projects constructed in wild horse areas:

- 1) The proposed fences (except the North Creek Fence which will enclose a riparian area) are discontinuous to allow horses to go around them through country too steep for cattle but passable by the more mobile horses.
- 2) The North Creek Fence will be constructed so as to leave water on both the upper and lower ends for wild horse use.
- 3) Fence wires will be initially flagged to increase visibility to wild horses.
- 4) Fencelines will be constructed with green posts with white tops to minimize visual impacts to humans but increase visibility to wild horses.

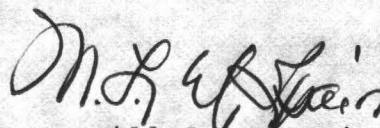
- 5) Gates will be provided at major roads and at intervals of at least one mile. These gates will be left open when cattle are not in either of the pastures to allow movement of wild horses.

The following stipulations apply to the water development projects within the wild horse areas:

- 1) Water will be made available for wild horse use on a yearlong basis.
- 2) Only overflow water should be piped away from the stream source. Sufficient water would be maintained at spring sources to provide water for livestock, wild horses and wildlife.
- 3) Should any spring source be fenced off to protect the spring source or its associated riparian zone, some of the water should be made available at the source.

If you have any questions or require further information, feel free to contact Bob Brown, Ely District's Wild Horse Specialist. He will assist you in any way that he can. Thank you for your continued interest in our wild horse program.

Sincerely yours,


Merrill L. DeSpain
District Manager

Enclosure

FY 85 PROJECTS

NO.	NAME	R.A.
1.	Murry Canyon Fence	Egan
* 2.	Nine Mile Pipeline	Egan
* 3.	Kingsley Spring Pipeline	Schell
* 4.	Stockade Spring Pipeline	Schell
* 5.	Ayarbe Spring	Schell
* 6.	Flat Spring Development	Schell
* 7.	Dry Mtn./Beck Pass Fence	Egan
* 8.	Dry Mtn. Cattle Guard	Egan
9.	Lyon Spring Cattle Guard	Egan
* 10.	Cress Spring Development	Schell
* 11.	Domingo Spring	Schell
* 12.	South Unit Boundary Fence	Schell
* 13.	South Unit Cattle Guard	Schell
* 14.	South Spring Development	Schell
* 15.	Sand Spring	Schell
* 16.	Camp Spring	Schell
* 17.	North Creek Fence	Schell
* 18.	Chin Creek/Deep Creek Fence	Schell
* 19.	Chin Creek/Deep Creek Cattle Guard	Schell
* 20.	Elko-White Pine Fence	Schell
* 21.	Elko-White Pine Cattle Guard	Schell
* 22.	North Spring	Schell
23.	Murphy Gap Pipeline	Schell
24.	Craw Creek Burn	Schell

- * 25. Lincoln Highway Cattle Guard Egan
- * 26. Black Hills Well Schell
- * 27. Cedar Spring Pipeline Schell
- * 28. Antelope Valley Reservoir Schell
- * 29. Calcutta Reservoirs Schell
- * 30. Water Canyon Pipeline Schell
- 31. Heckethorn Drift Fence Schell
- 32. Batterman Wash Revegetation (Operator Constructed)
- 33. Murphy Wash Pipeline (Operator Constructed)
- 34. Cleveland/Majors Boundary Fence (Operator Constructed)
- 35. Bird Spring Allotment Boundary Fence (Operator Constructed)
- 36. Bird Spring Development (Operator Constructed)

PROJECT COST FY 85

7	Fences (30.9 miles)	- Contract	\$142,186
6	Pipelines (30.8 miles)	- Force Account	50,651
7	Spring Developments	- Force Account	25,288
1	Well	- Contract	25,000
6	Cattle Guards	- Force Account	16,082
3	Reservoirs	- Force Account	4,124
	Burn (900 acres)	- Fire	8,000