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Mrs. Dawn Y. Lappin, Director Wild Horse Organized Assistance P.O. Box 555 Reno, Nevada 89504

Dear Mrs. Lappin:

The Ely District received your letter regarding concerns and issues with Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) intention to fence highway 93 and alternate 93 south of the Elko County line. The fence would be constructed under their existing rights-of-way grants to resolve public safety issues.

We appreciate and thank you for your comments and concerns with the affect of the fence on wild horse management in the Ely District. Your concerns made us reconsider our position on the management issues concerning wild horses and the highway 93 fence. We held a meeting with NDOT on Thursday, October 29, 1998 to address your concerns and to initiate resolution of the issues you raised. They agreed to delay the start of construction of the fence for 60 days to give us time to resolve the issues. We would like to hold another meeting in the near future with you and NDOT to seek resolution of the problems associated with this fence.

We will be in contact with you to set up a meeting to go over your concerns. In the meantime, if you have any questions contact Bob Brown, Ely District Wild Horse Specialist, at the above address or call him at (702) 289-1843.

Sincerely

James M. Perkins Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources

February 9, 1999

Mr. James M. Perkins, AFM, Renewable Resources Bureau of Land Management HC 33 Box 33500 Ely, NV 89301-9408

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I am inquiring as to whether the fencing of highway 93 and alternate 93 has been completed. I would also appreciate having copies regarding your meeting with WHOA and the proposed mitigation. Presently all I have is the original letter of November 1998 regarding my letter and the meeting to be held with me. I would like my files to be able document the steps the BLM took to resolve the issue.

I appreciated yours and NDOT's willingness to meet and the reconsideration of points made in my original letter. Again, my thanks.

Most sincerely,

Dawn Y. Lappin (Mrs.) Director

