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6 Meadow Valley 8-2-94
Appeal

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pete Morros, Director
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FROM: Catherine Barcomb, Director
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SUBJECT: Meadow Valley Mountain Emergency Removal Plan, & ROD
Appeal and Grazing Decision Appeal

DATE: August 2, 1994

Enclosed is the above mentioned appeal in the Caliente District. What isn't readily apparent is that in the decision it stated that the burn are will be closed to livestock to protect the resource and allow a 2 year period of time for recovery. After the wild horse removal was implemented, Curtis Tucker, the Area Manager reversed that decision and allowed livestock to remain basically "status quo."

We strongly objected and the State Office and the Las Vegas District Office reversed that decision and made an adjustment to livestock use. However, that adjustment wasn't based on resource analysis and monitoring to allow the resource to recover in light of the fact that previously 269 horses were removed down to 15 to protect the habitat, again, without monitoring to support that decision. Horses were removed by one set of criteria and livestock were adjusted under another set.