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Wild Horse Organized Assistance
Attn: Ms. Dawn Y. Lappin, Director
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Dear Ms. Lappin:

The review and comment process for the Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Area Plan (Draft), identified by our January 18th correspondence, is complete. Finalization of the management plan with few corrections is imminent. All comments submitted were given diligent consideration and incorporated into the management plan as follows:

Comment 1 (page four and 16)

Delete reference to suspected desert tortoise habitation of Kane Springs Valley. Replace with desert tortoise are not known to exist in the Kane Springs Valley.

Response

An inventory conducted in 1980 under Bureau of Land Management contract identified the southwestern boundary of the Lower Riggs Allotment as the northern most extension of desert tortoise habitat. Consequently, desert tortoise habitation of the Lower Riggs Allotment is marginal at best.

Action

Remove all reference to desert tortoise from management plan.

Comment 2 (page four, paragraph five)

The Lower Riggs Allotment is scheduled for incorporation into the Applewhite Allotment Management Plan. Change to, the Lower Riggs Allotment is scheduled for an allotment management plan.

Response

The original arrangement was to combine the Lower Riggs, Sandhills, and Applewhite Allotments into the Applewhite Allotment Management Plan. During the Coordinated Resource Management Planning process on the Lower Riggs Allotment, the undesirability of this situation was identified. Inadvertently, the change was not reflected in the Delamar WHMAP.

Action

Change wording of the Delamar WHMAP as follows: The Lower Riggs Allotment is scheduled for an allotment management plan.

Comment 3 (page 19, paragraph one)

As previously stated in Section II B 4 c 2) a), the total amount of 95 animals is presumably below the actual population size. However, until the appropriate research (Section V B 3) is undertaken, management of 95 wild horses is a Delamar WHMAP objective; as stated in Delamar WHMAP.

The comment took exception with reference to new counts or estimates changing the 95 wild horse management number.

Response

The Coordinated Resource Management Planning Committee recommended 95 wild horses as the management number. Contradiction of this recommendation was not intended. Management of 95 wild horses is a Delamar WHMAP objective.

Action

As previously stated in Section II B 4 c 2) a), the total amount of 95 animals is presumably below the actual population size. However, until the appropriate research (Section V B 3) is undertaken, management of 95 wild horses is a Delamar WHMAP objective; as stated in Delamar WHMAP.

Remove from second sentence the phrase, until the appropriate research (Section V B 3) is undertaken.

A signed final copy of the Delamar Wild Horse Herd Management Area Plan will be made available only upon request.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Brinkley
"ACTING"
For Darwin G. Anderson
Area Manager