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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

1610/4400

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Dear Public Land Interest:

The Egan Resource Area is now in the process of evaluating the monitoring data on the Dry Mountain allotment. This is an "M" category allotment and is located in the southwest corner of Long Valley.

The purpose of an evaluation is to assess if current management practices are meeting the allotment specific and land use plan objectives as described in the Rangeland Resource Summary (RPS), dated May 1988, for the Egan Resource Area (ERA).

This fiscal year (1989) the ERA is scheduled to complete the evaluation process for this allotment through either an agreement or proposed decision, if it is in need of an adjustment of current management practices, or to document the files if no change in current management is indicated by adequate monitoring data.

Due to the limited time between now and the end of the fiscal year (9/30/89), I request that those individuals and groups that are interested in the Dry Mountain allotment please submit by July 1, 1989, allotment specific data related to the allotment objectives described in the RPS. The information submitted will be used during the allotment evaluation process and to determine who is an affected interest and the nature of their interest.

The ERA will incorporate any pertinent allotment specific information provided by the public into the allotment evaluation, which will be completed through the technical recommendations portion. In July or August of this year, the ERA will coordinate the review of the evaluation with the permittee and other affected interests that requested involvement through an allotment specific response to this inquiry.

At this point the ERA will consider the input received from review of the evaluation by all the affected interests and in August 1989 complete the final portion of the evaluation. This consists of selection of management action(s) to be taken and subsequent development of a proposed decision, agreement, and/or documentation to the files if no change is recommended for the allotment.

It is my intention that the above described procedures will provide the opportunity for permittee(s) and other affected interests to become involved in the allotment evaluation process as well as provide the opportunity to become informed of the conclusion of the evaluation process.

In response to this letter, please send your allotment specific data and information to the above address, attention: Gene Drais, Egan Resource Area Manager.

Sincerely,



Gene Drais, Manager
Egan Resource Area

Dry Mountain

Egan Resource Area

Gene Hrais

Thank you for your inquiry pertaining to the monitoring process and allotment evaluation of the Dry Mountain Allotment in the Egan Resource Area.

WFOA participated in the land use planning process as well as the Buck and Bald agreement. WFOA is an affected party in any future present or future management decisions or agreements on the Buck & Bald HMA, a portion of which is the Dry Mountain Allotment.

Any adjustment of livestock, rehabilitation or development of water, seasons of use, seeding or fencing could and would affect wild horses and our interests in the maintenance of their habitat.

We particularly ~~request an~~ ^{inquire whether} analysis the results of the allotment evaluation be analyzed in relationship to the objectives in the LUP.

In addition it would appear to be appropriate if the allotment evaluation contained the LUP objectives. To be involved in the evaluation process logic requires ~~census mapping, actual use utilization, proper use,~~ and it will be necessary to know proper use, actual use, and number of grazing animals, such as actual use reports, censusing maps.

^{Reflecting upon}
~~Respectful~~ of BIA's February 1989

full force and effect order, wherein BLM, through ~~the~~ outside consultation, which concluded that Buck & Bald was "... currently experiencing resource damage..."; ~~we will~~ we are pondering on how the up coming evaluations will rationalize livestock adjustments, ^{either up or down.} If it is logical to presume that Full Force and effect indicate an "emergency," then how will you adjust livestock over a period of years without cancelling the "emergency" of Full Force & effect? If you increase or maintain *Statu Quo* how do you rationalize the decision based on the condition of the range?

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Dear Mr. Draais:

Thank you for your inquiry pertaining to the monitoring process and allotment evaluation of the Dry Mountain Allotment in the Egan Resource Area. (1610/4400)

WHOA participated in the Egan Land Use Planning process and the Buck and Bald agreement. WHOA is an affected interest in any present or future management decision and agreements that would affect the Buck and Bald HMA, a portion of which is Dry Mountain Allotment. Any development of water, adjustment of livestock, horses or wildlife, seasons of use, seedings or fencing could have impacts on the free-roaming nature of the animals.

It will be necessary to know the proper use, actual use, number of grazing animals and use mapping and will changes, either through decision or agreements attain the objectives set in the land use plan. We are looking forward to the process and respectfully request consultation before and during the process before if becomes an agreement.

Most sincerely,

Dawn Y. Lappin (Mrs.)
Director

cc: Board