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September 29, 1976

WHOA! (Wild Horse Organized Assistance, Inc.)

P. 0. Box 555 Reno, NV 89504

Attn: Mrs. Velma Johnston

Dear Mrs. Johnston:

A joint Bureau of Land Management - U.S. Forest Service tour has been scheduled to discuss management proposals, and obtain public input, in order to prepare the final draft of the Wild Horse Management Plan for the Monte Cristo wild horse herd. Because of your interest in wild horses, we would be pleased to have you or a representative of your organization participate in the tour. The herd is located on the west slopes of the White Pine Range and in the Bull Creek drainage of Railroad Valley approximately 35 air miles west and southwest of Ely, Nevada, as shown on the attached map.

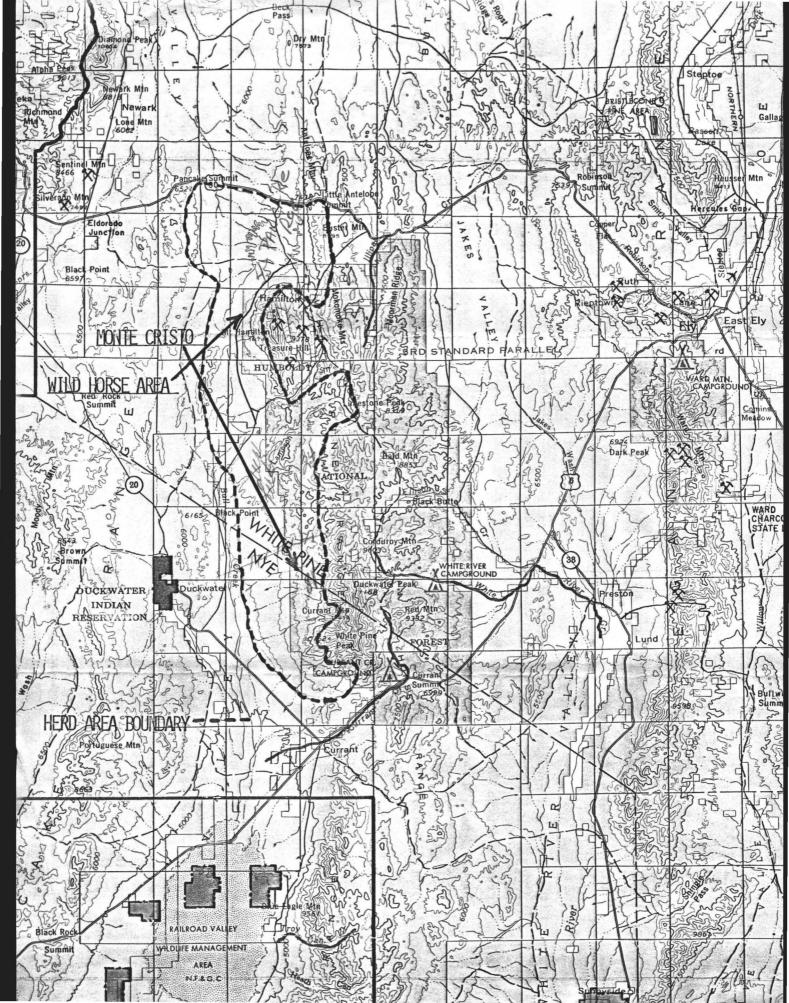
The tour will be held on Thursday, October 14, 1976, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management office on U.S. Highway 93 South, one mile south of Ely, Nevada. A brief introduction will be held in the BLM conference room prior to the tour to discuss the wild horse law, statistics on the herd management area, and the tour route. The tour will last approximately eight hours so you should plan to bring a lunch. You should also plan to drive a vehicle equipped for remote areas since the tour will be on unpaved dirt and gravel roads. If you do not have transportation available, please contact either Mark Lawrence at the Bureau of Land Management District office (telephone (702) 289-4865) or Garth Baxter at the White Pine Ranger District (telephone (702) 289-3031) in Ely so that arrangements can be made.

We also request that you please notify us if you plan to attend the tour by returning the attached slip by Tuesday, October 12, 1976. If you will be unable to attend the tour, but would like a copy of the final plan, please indicate on the attached slip also.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Schultz District Manager

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October 20, 1976

Mr. Mark Lawrence Bureau of Land Management Ely District Office Star Route 5, Box 1 Ely, Nevada 89301

Dear Mark:

I wanted to take this opportunity, while still fresh in the mind, to thank you for your consideration and thoughtfulness. Also for arranging transportation for me during the tour. I enjoyed my brief visit and the residents thereof.

I have completed the form given to me by Garth and would like to inchude a copy of that for your use. It deals with only generalities as without more specific data, solutions to the issues still remains in the future. Correct me if I am wrong, please. I understand the Monte Cristo Wild Horse area is mostly contained within the Currant Resource Area, right? Does the population that I have for the whole Ely district include the total for Monte Crisco or is that additional? As of August 6, 1975 I have a total of 2,132 horses, I will need the increase number.

Am including a couple of editorials and have added your name to the mailing list. This months (oct.) issue of AMERICAN HORSEMAN is done by AHPA, if yourand perhaps those interested want to know the thinking behind Mrs. Blue, this is a good representation of her thoughts. As far as I can see the only real issue before us is the reduction.inlareastwheneede is proven the forage cannot withstand the pressure of density. I am sure solutions to this effort are at hand. I refuse to argue the 'right' of the horses upon public land and it is time that all interests recognize this fact.

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I can honestly state that I realize for more of the situations relating to the livestock industry, than I think they are aware of. Toome the law clearly requires the removal of horses in those density areas, but unless it is done with care, other interests will prevail with court threass. I am sure none of the livestock industry wants this and meither do we...so reasonsable and sensible solutions must be sought.

I do not believe that I could make all the 15 meetings you spoke of, but I would like to be able to attend those that are critical. I assist in Carson City, and have been nominated to the Battle Mountain advisory board, so I will try and work in as many as possible. If possible please keep me informed as much as possible about future meetings.

Again, I thank you and I honestly enjoyed meeting every one of you. It is a pleasure to evedence the changes within the agencies attitudes.

Most sincerely,

Dawn Y. Lappin (Mrs.) Adoption Director

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Mr. Garth Baxter White Pine Ranger District Humbolt National Forest P.O. Box 539 Ely, Nevada 89301

Dear Garth:

Thank you very much for your time and consideration during the tour of the Monte Cristo Wild Horse Herd Area. I enjoyed my bried visit and the residents thereof.

I could not determine what forage whould be approtioned to what uses, since I am not aware of the acreage required within a AUM. Nor am I aware of the population of each of the other users. I would like to know what agreement was signed by the operators 'in good faith'. Mr. Halstead kept referring to that agreement, and said that he was not sure that those who signed would continue to be patient. We do believe that all avenues of future population controls should be explored, i.e. sterilization. I am not aware of tourist attraction to that area specifically for wild horses. But I do not feel that this should have any basis for their management and control. The vast majority of the interested public admits they might not ever get to see a wild horse, but to know they are there is sufficient. I am not aware of any programs done by either agency attracting tourists for this purpose. Many people do write in and ask where they might view wild horses, so the opportunity is there.

Since beginning this letter I have located the information on the agreement spoke of in the last paragraph. As I understand it, it is a voluntary non-use agreement between BLM and the Duck-water permitees.

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So you need not reply to that question.

I quite realize the difficulty of the tasks that lie ahead for proper wild horse management. It is our desire to assist in any manner possible. It is our entent to help implement the Wild Horse and Burro Act in protection, management and control.

Most sincerely,

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