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Dear Reader:

This letter is to inform you that the Ely District plans to remove excess wild horses from the Antelope and Butte Herd Management Areas (HMAs), in an attempt to achieve the established appropriate management levels (AMLs), during the month of November. Both removals are a continuation of the action addressed in the respective herd management area plan (HMAP) and associated environmental assessment (EA). Neither removal constitutes a new decision, since current monitoring data show the established AMLs are still valid and the capture methods remain the same as stated in the HMAPs/EAs. Therefore, as stated in the HMAPs, a new decision record/finding of no significant impact (DR/FONSI) is not required to achieve or maintain the established AML through removal of excess animals.

The Antelope HMAP and associated EA No. NV-040-2-19 were approved in October 1992. The DR/FONSI was signed on October 21, 1992. A capture/removal plan for the initial and subsequent removals to achieve and maintain the established AML was included as an appendix to the HMAP. The Ely District plans to remove approximately 94 wild horses starting on or about November 7, 1994. A minimum of 252 animals will remain in the Antelope HMA after the removal is completed. This is within the established range for the current AML as stated in the HMAP.

The Butte HMAP and associated EA No. NV-040-2-20 were approved in June 1993. The DR/FONSI was signed on June 3, 1993. A capture/removal plan for the initial and subsequent removals to achieve and maintain the established AML was included as an appendix to the HMAP. The Ely District plans to remove approximately 86 wild horses starting on or about November 14, 1994. A minimum of 74 animals will remain in the Butte HMA after the removal is completed. This is within the established range for the current AML as stated in the HMAP.

If you have any questions regarding the Antelope and/or Butte HMA removals, contact Bob Brown, Ely District Wild Horse Specialist, at the above address or phone him at (702) 289-4865.

Sincerely,

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District Manager