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Contact: Lorraine Buck Phone: (702) 647-5000

A total of \$12,000 in reward is being offered by the Bureau of Land Management and interested groups for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the shooting deaths of three wild horses. The horses were observed dead on the morning of October 29, 1992, near Acoma, Nevada, about 20 miles southeast of Caliente, Nevada. The horses were part of a small band that was commonly seen on the Crossroads allotment about two miles south of the boundary of the Miller Flat Herd Management Area.

BLM CONTINUES SEARCH FOR HORSE KILLERS

Found dead were two, two to three-year-old horses, and one pregnant 10 to 12-year-old mare. An approximately three-monthold foal was initially observed at the mare's side, but disappeared after the killing. BLM investigators say it appears the horses were shot from Beaver Dam Road which crosses the area.

In addition to the BLM, the reward money is being offered by the National Wild Horse Association, the Animal Protection Institute, the Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros, the Humane Society of the United States, and the Wild Horse Organized Assistance.

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Anyone with information may remain anonymous. The numbers to call are (702) 726-8100 in Caliente; (702) 647-5000 in Las Vegas; and (702) 785-6557 in Reno.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

CALIENTE RESOURCE AREA P.O. Box 237 Caliente, Nevada 89008

4370 Wild Horse File (NV055.07)

(702) 726-8100

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Wild Horse Organized Assistance, Inc. ATTN: Dawn Lappin P.O. Box 555 Reno, NV 89504

Dear Dawn,

As you may have already heard there has been another wild horse shooting within the Caliente Resource Area (CRA). The latest incident occurred late February 28 or early March 1 along Highway 319 near the Nevada-Utah state line. Three horses were shot during this incident. Two pregnant mares were found dead at the site and an injured stallion was euthanized by the CRA's Ranger on March 1 upon investigating a report of a wild horse being hit on the highway. Upon observation of the horses, it was clear that the horses had been shot.

The CRA will be publishing reward posters for this latest shooting in hopes of gaining viable leads that will help solve this case. The CRA is pursuing contributions towards a reward fund for this case under investigation. All contributors will be listed on the reward posters as active supporters of the investigation.

As WHOA has previously donated money towards the reward fund for the shootings of three horses near Barclay, NV on 10/29/92, the CRA is not requesting further donations from WHOA for this recent incident unless otherwise desired. The earlier established reward fund will be used for both cases under investigation. I am requesting a letter from WHOA stating the amount originally donated to the fund to document our case files.

The CRA appreciates the reward donation that the Wild Horse Organized Assistance contributed towards the reward funds of the existing cases and/or future incidents. If you have any questions or concerns please contact myself or Alan Shepherd, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, at the Caliente Resource Area office.

Sincerely,

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Curtis G. Tucker Area Manager



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IN REPLY REFER TO

Catherine Barcomb, Executive Director Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses Stewart Facility Capital Complex Carson City, NV 89710

Dear Cathy,

As you may have already heard there has been another wild horse shooting within the CRA. The latest incident occurred late February 28 or early March 1 along Highway 319 near the Nevada-Utah state line. Three horses were shot during this incident. Two pregnant mares were found dead at the site and an injured stallion was euthanized by the CRA's Ranger on March 1 upon investigating a report of a wild horse being hit on the highway. Upon observation of the horses, it was clear that the horses had been shot.

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Sincerely,

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Curtis G. Tucker Area Manager

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February 8, 1993

Curtis G. Tucker, Area Manager BLM-Caliente Resource Area Box 237 Caliente, Nevada 89008

Dear Mr. Tucker,

We had been contacted previously by Allen Shepard, your Wild Horse and Burro Specialist informing us of the killing of wild horses in your area. He also informed us that a reward fund had been started for the arrest and conviction of those persons responsible for the killings and asked if the Commission could contribute to that reward fund.

At our last Commission meeting the Commissioners voted to pledge \$1,500.00 from our reward fund toward the fund you have already established. Under N.R.S. 504.470 2. (a), "The Commission may grant an award in an amount it considers appropriate for information leading to the conviction of a person who violates federal or state laws concerning wild horses."

We are please to be able to financially help you should information be presented to help arrest the person responsible for those senseless killings. Please keep us informed of any updates on the case.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE BARCOMB Executive Director