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## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Ely District Office  
Star Route 5, Box 1  
Ely, Nevada 89301

APR 10 1986

Mrs. Dawn Lappin  
Wild Horse Organized Assistance  
P.O. Box 555  
Reno, Nevada 89504

Dear Mrs. <sup>Dawn:</sup> ~~Lappin:~~

As part of the follow-up to the Buck and Bald horse roundup, we would like to answer some of the questions you had in your letter of December 9, 1985. This letter consisted of your comments on the Buck and Bald/Maverick-Medicine Environmental Assessment and Capture Plan.

One of your questions was to advise WHOA of the actual area of horse removal. On the Ely District side all 342 horses were removed exclusively from Long Valley. The 45 horses captured on the Elko District came from the Ruby Wash area.

Four trespass horses were captured during the roundup. One was branded with a T/C and the other three horses were obviously "bob-tailed" (though no apparent brands) which the Brand Inspector felt was sufficient evidence of private ownership. A copy of this brand inspection is enclosed.

Currently we are in the process of getting State Office approval for sale of the trespass horses as they are unclaimed to date. Enclosed is a copy of the memorandum Ely sent to the State Office which will answer some of your questions about trespass fees, collection costs, etc. Our State Office is currently requesting from the State of Nevada clarification of State policy on taking estray animals, i.e. our three "bob-tailed" horses. At present they have said they don't want these horses although our current agreement with them states they will take all estray horses. We will notify you as to the resolution of the estray issue when it occurs.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard Hedrick*

Howard F. Hedrick, Manager  
Egan Resource Area

Enclosures *Dawn - I am being transferred to Salt Lake City. I want to express my appreciation to you for your support, especially of the Long Valley agreement. I believe it's taking us in the right direction. I also respect you for your beliefs those times we've disagreed. I'll be at the district office if you're ever thru Salt Lake City - Good Luck - Howard*



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MAR 18 1986

Memorandum

To: State Director, Nevada (NV-931)  
From: Acting District Manager, Ely  
Subject: Request for Authorization to Sell Impounded Livestock

During the February 1986 wildhorse gathering in the Buck and Bald-Long Valley area, we captured one branded mare and three unbranded, "bob-tailed" stallions. The district brand inspector determined that the mare belonged to Ted Cook, and a trespass notice was sent. Although the stallions are unbranded, the district brand inspector determined that the physical alteration of their tails ("bob-tails") indicated a certain degree of domestication.

Instruction Memorandum NV-84-116 was followed in determining a reasonable figure for charges and damages due the United States. The costs for the Cook mare are as follows:

- \$ 40.49 - Gathering fee - one horse based on Buck and Bald Wild-horse, Horse Removal Contract YA-551-CT6-340041.
- \$ 35.44 - Trespass - 4 AUM's @ 1985 rate of \$8.86/AUM.

The trespass rate was computed from 10/01 - 02/08/86. Information was provided to BLM personnel by the brother-in-law of the registered owner of the branded mare. This information indicated that the branded, sorrel mare we impounded escaped from private lands last fall. This trespass fee was computed on a "last fall" basis.

- \$ 22.11 - Transportation - based on 3 hours at GS-09/01 salary prorated between 4 horses and hauling 120 miles a vehicle class G62 at .195/mile also prorated between 4 horses. Transportation was necessary to move horses from the trap site to the holding corrals in Ely.

\$ .50 - Board - hay and water at the trap site for two days based upon .25/day, Contract YA-55-CT6-340041.

\$ 37.00 - Board at BLM thus far at \$1.00/day from 02/11/86-03/17/86.

\$135.54 Total - plus additional board to be determined at the time of final settlement.

The costs incurred for the "bob-tail" stallions are similar, except for a variation in the board fee at the trap site. Two stallions were fed at the trap site by the contractor one day @ .25/day. The total for these would be \$139.29. The other stallion costs incurred total \$135.54.

Mr. Ted Cook was contacted via certified mail and has made no offer of settlement to regain possession of his sorrel mare. Two weeks after the mare was transported to the BLM holding corrals, she foaled. The sorrel filly is now 3 weeks old and will be included in any sale authorization.

We request authority to sell these animals at a public auction, in the event that neither makes an offer of settlement. A "Notice of Public Sale" for your review and approval is enclosed.

*Susan Perkins*

Enclosure

P.O. Box 11100, Reno, Nevada 89510

BRAND INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

FROM:

BLM  
Legal Owner of Livestock

TO:

BLM  
Buyer or Consignee

LONG VALLEY  
Place of Inspection

ELY, NEVADA  
Destination

ELY, WHITE PINE  
Nearest Town, County

Complete Address

Change of Ownership  Interstate  Consigned  Slaughter Only

Pas. to Pas.

Other than for CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, this certificate

Brand Permit No.....

Health Permit No.....

expires..... A.M. 2/18/86  
P.M. on.....  
Date

Number	Cows	Steers	Heifers	Bulls	Horses	Age	Brand	Location of Brand	ADDITIONAL	
									Brand	Location of Brand
1					SORREL MARE	5yr	T/C	L.H.		
2					SORREL STUDS	6-10yr	No BRAND			
1					BLACK STUD	3	No BRAND			
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TOTAL HEAD

\$ —

TOTAL AMOUNT

Paid by:  CASH

CHECK NO.

Permit No. H.C. No.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Signature of Buyer or Agent

Name of Trucking Co. Truck License No.

Dealer's and/or Agent's License No. Required by Nevada State Law

I hereby certify that I have personally inspected the above livestock for brands and marks and to the best of my ability is recorded accurately.

Hours —

Mileage —

Inspector No. 701

Signature of Brand Inspector  
Chris Collins

Date of Inspection 2/18/86

District 7

White copy to Reno office  
Blue copy to Buyer or Consignee  
Pink copy to Seller or Shipper  
Yellow copy Retained by Inspector

No. 8

Book No 14641