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Mrs. Dawn Y. Lappin
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Dear Mrs. Lappin:

This is in response to your letter dated February 8, 1984, concerning inclusion of reduced wild horse numbers for the Buck and Bald Mountain area of the Ely District, in the preferred alternative of the Draft Egan Resource Management Plan (RMP).


Nevada does not have a policy for inclusion of a specific proposal for wild horse management in the preferred alternative of an RMP. However, the inclusion of a reduced number of animals as provided in the Egan RMP under the preferred alternative is within established Nevada policy, as outlined in Nevada Instruction Memorandum NV-82-305 (enclosed). Specifically, paragraph (d) of this memorandum states that "where previously developed interim capture and management plans and associated EARs presently exist and where actual implementation has started but not been completed, the interim number of wild horses or burros specified in the plan may be used." Since an interim capture plan was implemented in the Buck and Bald area in 1981, inclusion of a reduction in horse numbers in the Egan RMP is consistent with Nevada policy.

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Please be assured that inclusion of reduced numbers in the preferred alternative does not preclude or eliminate the opportunity for monitoring and adjusting wild horse numbers in accordance with available resources. Also, such actions do not preclude or eliminate opportunities for Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP), or the requirement to undertake consultation and coordination. Your organization will be given every opportunity to participate in this process.

I hope I have adequately responded to your concerns. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,


Edward F. Spang
State Director

Enclosure

Encl. 1 - Instruction Memorandum NV-82-305