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1N REPLY REFER TO: 4700 (NV-023.5)

February 3, 1988

Wild Horse Organized Assistance c/o Dawn Lappin P. O. Box 555 Reno, NV 89504

Dear Dawn:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of a memorandum concerning the relocation of wild horses captured during the Blue Wing/Seven Troughs removal.

As Dick Wheeler discussed with you in December, the relocation of these animals was accomplished to implement one of the Little Owyhee Wild Horse CRMP recommendations, and to begin implementing Animal Objective Number 3 of the Little Owyhee Desert-Snowstorm Mountains Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP).

The seven animals have been observed twice since they were relocated, and all were observed in about the same area where they were released. All seven were released in an area with abundant available forage and open water. When observed, the animals were in excellent flesh condition, and appeared to have become accustomed to their new habitat. We will continue to monitor these horses periodically, and keep you informed of our observations.

To further implement the wild horse CRMP recommendations, and management objectives of the Little Owyhee Desert/Snowstorm Mountains HMAP, in fiscal year 1988 we will increase our efforts in herd monitoring and determining seasonal movements of animals, continue utilization and use pattern mapping, insure all gates in the spring pastures are left open when appropriate, and determine where additional gates are needed.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact our office.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Shields

District Manager

Enclosure

cc: State Director, NV (NV-910)

# Memorandum

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

IN REPLY REFER TO:

4700 (NV-026.12)

To

Area Manager, Paradise-Denio RA

Date:

January 22, 1988

FROM

Rick Clark, Range Conservationist

SUBJECT :

Transplant of colored (pinto) horses to Little Owyhee Wild Horse

Management Area

Objective No. 3 of the Little Owyhee CRMP plan discusses wild horse management. It specifically calls for the "preservation of unique types and primitive mustang markings". The Little Owyhee Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP) suggests genetic enhancement of the color patterns as well.

During the recent Blue Wing/Seven Troughs horse gathering, some well-colored pinto mares and stallions were trapped. In addition to their markings, several showed good size and conformation, and all were sound and healthy (see photos attached). In accordance with the abové-mentioned and long-standing objectives, it was decided to transplant these animals to the Little Owyhee herd management area.

Seven head including three stallions and four mares were separated and transported to the District corrals in Winnemucca. After feeding and being held overnight, they were taken and released in the Little Owyhee Allotment in the immediate vicinity of Twin Valley Springs.

#### Background Review

December 6, 1987 - Horses trapped, having come from the Trinity Mtns. area of the Blue Wing/Seven Troughs Allotment.

December 7, 1987 - 7 head separated, transported to Winnemucca District corrals.

December 8, 1987 - 7 head transported to and released near Twin Valley Spring in the Little Owyhee Allotment.

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## Transplanted Pinto Stallions

















# Transplanted Pinto Mores







