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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WINNEMUCCA DISTRICT OFFICE

705 East 4th Street
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March 7, 1985

Wild Horse Organized Assistance

Dawn Lappin
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Dear Ms. Lappin:

As you are well aware, the Winnemucca District of the Bureau of Land Management completed a Land Use Plan (LUP) in July 1982. We are continuing to implement the multiple resource management decisions made in the LUP by tentatively scheduling several wild horse and burro gatherings involving eight Herd Use Areas (HUAs) for the summer of 1985.

The HUAs in question involve public lands that are not in a checkerboard land pattern. The LUP wild horse/burro decision number 1.1 which addresses these areas states that existing numbers as of July 1, 1982, would be used as the Appropriate Management Level (AML) unless numbers are established by adequate and supportable resource data, formal signed agreements, or court orders.

The following table depicts the HUA name, current estimated population of wild horses and burros, the AML of animals to remain in each HUA, and the estimated number of animals to be removed to attain the AML.

Herd Use Area	Est. Current Population	AML	Numbers To Remove To Attain AML
	Horses/Burros	Horses/Burros	Horses/Burros
Black Rock Range East	87/ ^{-14%} *	59/	28/
Black Rock Range West	581/ ^{-11%}	424/	157/
Buffalo Hills	882/ ^{C.R.M.P.}	272/*	610/
Calico Mountains (Buffalo Hills and Calico Allotments portion)	384/ ^{C.R.M.P.}	149/*	235/
Calico Mountains (Soldier Meadows and Leadville Allotments portion)	718/ ^{-11%}	365/	353/
Fox and Lake Range	593/1 ^{-11%}	434/1	159/
Granite Range	330/	121/*	209/
Jackson Mountains	319/ ^{-14%}	215/	104/
Warm Springs Canyon	402/13 ^{-11%}	294/10	108/3
TOTALS	4,296/14	2,333/11	1,963/3

* The AML for these HUAs was agreed to by the Buffalo Hills Coordinated Resource Management and Planning Committee.


all rates of increases based on past captures.

*Aerial census 1982 + 14% increase
Dick Whuler 3-19-85 4pm gave percentages for each
14% Paradise/Devils 11% Sonoma/Herlach*

An environmental assessment and capture plan analyzing the manner of gathering, holding, and transportation of the animals is being prepared, and when completed will be available upon request.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Richard Wheeler, Rodger Bryan, or Rob Smith of my staff.

Sincerely yours,

For 
Frank C. Shields
District Manager