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NOTICE OF INTENT TO GATHER

Dear Reader:

This letter is to inform you that the Winnemucca District plans to remove excess wild horses from the Black Rock Range - East and West, Calico Mountains, and Warm Springs Canyon Herd Management Area's (HMA) starting no earlier than November 18, 1996. The removal is a continuation of the implementation of the Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision for the following allotments:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Date of Decision</u>
Buffalo Hills	February 9, 1993
Leadville	January 19, 1994
Paiute Meadows	April 12, 1993
Soldier Meadows	January 24, 1994

The multiple use decision's established the Appropriate Management Level for the Black Rock Range - East and West, Calico Mountains, and Warm Springs Canyon HMA's. This removal constitutes no new decision and is not an appealable action. The capture methods remain the same as stated in the Winter 1994 Removal Plan and Environmental Assessment dated January 24, 1994. The removal is in accordance with the Wild and Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971 (P.L. 92-195) section 3(b)(1) and (2), as amended.

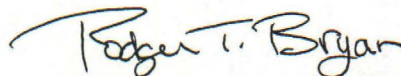
The intent of the removal is to achieve AML, and to initiate management of the wild horse population within the ranges established in the Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision for the allotments listed above. However, due to the population level in the Black Rock Range - East and West and Calico Mountains HMA's, it is anticipated that the post removal population will exceed AML. Based on current policy, horses up to nine years of age may be removed.

The following table lists the management range and the estimated wild horse population for the Black Rock Range - East and West, Calico Mountains, and Warm Springs Canyon HMA's. The estimated population is based on an July 1994 census.

<u>HMA</u>	<u>AML</u> <u>Management Range</u>	<u>Population</u> <u>Estimate</u>
Black Rock Range, East and West	horses 120 to 186	860
Calico Mountains	horses 250 to 333	780
Warm Springs Canyon	horses 131 to 175	600
	burros 18 to 24	12

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Hall or Tom Seley at (702) 623-1500.

Sincerely yours,



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