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Mr. Bud Cribley
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RE: Wild Horse Removal - Buffalo Hills/Granite Range

Dear Bud:

Thank you for consulting our agency concerning the proposed removal of wild horses from the Buffalo Hills Allotment. It is important that the Buffalo Hill Allotment Re-Evaluation is completed and a multiple use decision for livestock, wild horses and wildlife is issued.

The Department provided specific comments to the Draft Buffalo Hills Allotment Re-Evaluation on November 5, 1992. In summary, our agency encouraged the District to examine all wild horse population data for accurate population estimates and to use rangeland monitoring data collected at key riparian areas to establish carrying capacities or appropriate management levels.

We support the use of a multiple use decision to establish the appropriate management levels for the Buffalo Hills Allotment. We hope that the District will consider our comments and concerns for the Draft Buffalo Hills Allotment Re-Evaluation.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. MOLINI, DIRECTOR

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