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In Memoriam

LOUISE C. HARRISON
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June 24, 1985

Mr. E.F. Spang, State Director
Bureau of Land Management
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Dear Mr. Spang:

Early in April I recieved a call from a source that indicated that the Nevada State Office was going to recind the agreement on the foaling period. This caused enough concern for me to contact your Wild Horse Specialist, Mr. Frei. He did indicate that new instructions had been issued and I requested a copy of Instruction Memorandum No. NV 85-272.

I have read the new instruction and am very pleased to see the Bureau finally utilize some of the data to make beneficial decisions concerning wild horses. The Winnemucca District had expressed some concerns to me during and after their capture operation that indicated some changes might be necessary and I understand now they followed through with those concerns to the State level. I applaud your instruction and thank you for the additional concern expressed by requesting the Districts back up their request for change with data.

Which brings me to a related subject. The large-scale removals, and in some cases eliminations of wild horse populations from specific areas should provide the Bureau with valuable information on management, population dynamics, and age and sex ratios; it is hoped that the Bureau will analize this data for future management and protection plans. This information could be analized by those working with computer models in population dynamics. It is WHOA's hope this information will not be stored in some computer somewhere, without recognizing its' importance in the long term.

Most sincerely,

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Director





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April 23, 1985

Instruction Memorandum No. NV-85-272
Expires: 9/30/86

To: District Managers, Nevada

From: State Director, Nevada

Subject: Helicopter Capture of Wild Horses & Burros

Due to the foaling season, the period during which helicopters may be used to capture wild horses and burros in Nevada, has historically been limited to the period July 1 through February 28. The Wild Horse and Burro Program Guidance Statement, (W.O. Instruction Memorandum 83-289), provides that a minimum of six weeks must be allowed before and after the peak foaling period for helicopter operations.

During the last few years, additional knowledge regarding foaling seasons in wild horse and burro herds in Nevada has become available. This information has indicated that a standard July 1 through February 28 gathering period may not be applicable in all situations. As a result, effective immediately you may adjust the foaling season on your wild horse or burro herds, within the constraints of the Wild Horse and Burro Program Guidance Statement, as you deem appropriate. Any changes however, must be accompanied by notification to NSO of the change, and such notification must include a copy of an in-depth analysis as to the reason the change is being made.

If you have any questions, please contact NSO 931.3.

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