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Little Owyhee
Heil

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Dawn Lappin
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Dear Dawn,

The sub-committee has tried to call a meeting on two occasions the past few months. However, we couldn't get together with you or Helen so the meetings were not held. We felt there was a real need to clarify a few things and attempt to put some information together for the Heil Foundation.

There are some problems with the Owyhee - Bullhead allotments but they are not directly associated with the wildhorse situation - other than the fact the gathering is a couple of years behind schedule. Local # 1 is keeping informed of the problems and where possible, will assist.

We realize BLM has their hands tied because of the lack of response to the adoption program. Also only 1900+ horses have been removed from this CRMP plan - which is the only horse plan established in the state.

We are planning a meeting in late November with an annual update on the complete CRMP plan on Owyhee-Bullhead. If this is not soon enough for you let me know and we'll try to put together an emergency meeting.

Thank you for your concern. Hoping to hear from you in regard to late November meeting.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson, CRMP Local # 1

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Wild Horse Update: Little Owyhee/Bullhead

Since 1977, there have been five BLM authorized removals. These were:

Capture

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Number of Wild Horses Gathered</u>	<u>HA Removed From</u>
1977	1,065	Little Owyhee Desert
1981	51	Little Owyhee Desert
	479	Snowstorm Mountains
1983	342	Little Owyhee Desert
	426	Snowstorm Mountains
1984	487	Little Owyhee Desert
	199	Snowstorm Mountains
1985	726	Little Owyhee Desert
	<u>258</u>	Snowstorm Mountains

TOTAL REMOVED = 4,033

Past removals have removed approximately 60% females and 40% males.

A census in September 1984 counted 833 wild horses on the Little Owyhee and 234 on the Bullhead. A census will be performed in September of 1986 on these allotments to get an accurate count but it is estimated that there are 265 horses between the two allotments at the present.