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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO GATHER

Dear Reader:

This letter is to inform you that the Winnemucca Field Office plans to remove excess wild horses from the Calico Mountains, Warm Springs Canyon, and the Black Rock Range - East & West Herd Management Areas (HMA's) starting no earlier than January 3, 2000. The removal is a continuation of the implementation of the Multiple Use Decisions for the Buffalo Hills, Leadville, Soldier Meadows, and Paiute Meadows Allotments issued February 9, 1993, January 19, 1994, January 24, 1994, and July 12, 1995 respectively. A fertility control research project is scheduled in conjunction with the removal.

These multiple use decisions established the Appropriate Management Level (AML) for the Calico Mountains, Warm Springs Canyon, and the Black Rock Range - East & West HMA's. The capture methods remain the same as stated in the Winter 1994 Wild Horse Removal Plan and Environmental Assessment dated January 24, 1994. The removals are 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. This removal constitutes no new decision and is not an appealable action.

The intent of the removal is to achieve AML in the Calico Mountains, Warm Springs Canyon, and the Black Rock Range - East & West HMA's as established in the Buffalo Hills, Leadville, Soldier Meadows, and Paiute Meadows Allotments Multiple Use Decisions. Based on current policy, horses up to five years of age may be removed. This requires that horses 6 years of age and older must be returned to their capture HMA.

The following table lists the AML, estimated wild horse and burro population, and estimated number to remove for the Calico Mountains, Warm Springs Canyon, and the Black Rock Range - East & West HMA's. The 1999 population estimate is based on a 1997 helicopter census which was adjusted to reflect estimated recruitment.

HMA	AML		Estimated Population		Est. # to Remove	
	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros
Calico Mountains	333	0	1,072	0	739	0
Warm Springs Canyon	175	24	578	30	403	0
Black Rock Range - East	93	0	284	0	191	0
Black Rock Range - West	93	0	404	0	311	0

The Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) which analyzed the environmental consequences of implementing a proposed fertility control research project within the Winnemucca Field Office was approved November 10, 1999. This PEA serves as an umbrella or district wide analysis of population level fertility control research. The specific proposals for fertility control research for the Calico Mountains, Warm Springs Canyon, and the Black Rock Range - East & West HMA's will be tiered to this PEA through an internal Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy.

The Winter 1994 Wild Horse Removal Plan and Environmental Assessment, and PEA are available for review at the Winnemucca Field Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Fuell or Rodger Bryan at (775) 623-1500.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin P. Christensen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Colin P. Christensen  
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