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By the way are you aware of the fence that has been partially constructed through the Owyhee Desert north of Winnemucca. Twenty-five miles have been completed and another twenty-five miles will be constructed this spring. The fence runs through the most concentrated area of wild horses that I know of. BCM knows nothing of the movement patterns or distribution of wild horses yet we are building the fence to placate the rancher.

It is my understanding that the fence has cut a number of horses off from water and that the horses have bursted the fence down in several areas. I will not have time to investigate the situation for a couple of weeks. I may need your guys descrete help, since the contract has been let the situation is out of my influence. However, public pressure correctly applied often produces miraculous changes of opinion. I'll keep you informed,

Ron,