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**Subject:** Re: Response to telephone inquiry concerning last Calico Complex gather

In stead of using the words "at least 20% below AML" I would have preferred "approximately 20% below AML," especially since she is fishing for information to appeal the Soldier Meadows/Paiute Meadows EAs. We need to be very careful when responding to these kinds of inquiries. In the future please let me review any information you plan to send to the interest groups.

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concerning last Calico Complex gather

Hi Cathy:

You wanted to know if we went 20% below AML, as Terry Woosley thought, on our last Calico Complex Gather. Here is the information you requested.

HMA	AML	20% Below AML	2000 Census Before Gather	2001 Census After Gather
Black Rock East 121	93	75		360
Black Rock West 108	93	75		494
Warm Spgs Cyn 255		175/24	140/19	749/22
Calico (whole HMA) 367		333	266	1148
	718	556/19		

An estimated 2781 horses and burros were to be captured with 2207 horses (20% below AML) to be remove. A total of 2505 horses and burros were captured and 2092 removed. A total of 411 horses and 2 burros were released. This should have taken us to at least 20% below AML, since the gather was supposed to be a total capture. It was assumed from Jim Hicks verbal report that a few horses would not come to the trap. We left a 145 horse and 17 burro buffer between what was released and the AML to allow for what Jim said was left out there. There are a few holes in the California/Nevada state boundary fences in the Warm Springs Canyon and Calico HMAs. It is known that horses move back and forth between the two

state areas through these holes. This could account for the lack of horses during the gather and the additional horses the next summer during the census.

Hope this answers any questions you may have. We, in good faith, went at least 20% below AML at the time of the gather.

Nadine

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