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IBLA 92-186, 92-187, 92-188

N2-92-03, N2-92-04, N2-92-07

NEVADA COMMISSION FOR THE

Wild Horses

PRESERVATION OF WILD HORSES ET AL. :

IBLA 92-186, 92-187

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Dismissed in Part, Decision Set Aside and Remanded in Part

IBLA 92-188 Dismissed

## ORDER

The Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses (IBLA 92-186); the Wild Horse Organized Assistance (IBLA 92-187); the American Horse Protection Association and the Humane Society of the United States (IBLA 92-188) (collectively, appellants) appealed from a decision of the Area Manager, Paradise-Denio Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management (BIM), dated November 22, 1991. By this decision, BIM gave Daniel Russell, grazing permittee, notice of full force and effect of its final multiple use decision for the Paiute Meadows Allotment and Black Rock East Wild Horse Herd Management Area. BIM decided to reduce numbers of wild horses and livestock and establish a deferred grazing system for livestock. The Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses and the Wild Horse Organized Assistance filed statements of reasons objecting to the procedures BIM followed when it issued its decision and to the planned reduction in the numbers of wild horses. The American Horse Protection Association and the Humane Society of the United States requested and were granted an extension of time to February 5, 1992, in which to file their statement of reasons. On February 3, 1992, BLM filed a motion to place the decision in full force and effect.

On February 5, 1992, the American Horse Protection Association and the Humane Society of the United States moved to withdraw their appeal (IBIA 92-188) and stated that they agree that "a removal of wild horses may proceed." The other appellants have filed motions to dismiss that portion of their appeals regarding capture of wild horses "in the Paiute Meadows Allotment." On March 10, 1992, BIM moved to have the November 22, 1991, decision set aside and remanded for further consideration, presumably withdrawing its previous motion for full force and effect.

No opposition to these motions for withdrawal or partial dismissal, or to have the November 22, 1991, decision set aside and remanded has been filed and there is no apparent overriding public interest that would warrant denial of the motions.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, the appeal of the American Horse Protection Association and the Humane Society of the United States (IBIA 92-188) is dismissed, the appeals of the Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses (IBIA 92-186) and the Wild Horse Organized Assistance (IBIA 92-187) are dismissed, in part, to the degree they relate to the Paiute Meadows Allotment, and the remaining part of BIM's November 22, 1991, decision is set aside and remanded to BIM.

James L. Byrnes

Administrative Judge

I concur:

C. Randall Grant, Jr. Administrative Judge

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