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IN REPLY REFER TO:
4700
(NV-027.12)

September 1, 1988

Wild Horse Organized Assistance
c/o Dawn Lappin
P.O. Box 555
Reno, NV 89504

Dear Ms. Lappin:

The Winnemucca District conducted an aerial census of the Buffalo Hills Herd Area (HA) on July 12, 1988 using a Bell 47G3B-1 helicopter. The results of the census are shown below and is provided for your information.

<u>Herd Area</u>	<u>1988 Estimated Population Horses</u>	<u>Actual Census Population Horses</u>	<u>% Foals</u>	<u>Difference in Estimated and Census Population Numbers</u>
Buffalo Hills Allotment	804	602	9.5	-202
Coyote Allotment	<u>1/</u> <u>14</u>	<u>42</u>	2.4	<u>+ 28</u>
TOTALS	822	644		-174

1/ The Coyote Allotment is adjacent to the Buffalo Hills HA and does not lie within the HA.

It appears that there has been a lower than normal conception and survival rate for colts during the last two years because of drought conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald P. Brandvold
Area Manager, Sonoma-Gerlach