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Dawn Lappin
Wild Horse Organized Assistance, Inc.
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Dear Mrs. Lappin:

The following will address the concerns outlined in your letter dated March 21, 1985, as per your telephone conversation with Bob Neary, Gerald Brandvold, Dick Wheeler, and Rodger Bryan of my staff, on March 26, 1985.

The basis for the misunderstanding over the estimated population levels was that you used the Appropriate Management Level (AML) of animals as a base to project current numbers, while we used more recent inventories with an 11% increase per year to arrive at 1985 population estimates. For example, in the Calico Mountains (Soldier Meadows/Leadville Allotment portions) you used 365 head as a base to project to 1985 levels. We inventoried that Herd Use Area in August 1983 and found 583 animals in that area which projects to 718 head in 1985 using an 11% increase per year for two years.

We apologize for implying that a consensus was reached on the AML of horses in the Buffalo Hills CRMP. We tried to indicate that the CRMP group was proceeding with no voiced objections to the management level of 542 animals as outlined in the draft CRMP plan, which was 55 head less than the number set by the MFP III decision.

We sincerely hope that our mutual efforts to clear up these misunderstandings have been successful. Please let us know if there are still some areas of concern which have not been addressed to your satisfaction. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Shields

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District Manager

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I seek, and request, receipt of the basis of increases used by Winnemucca WSOA with regards to the inventory records, if any, date of flight/# counted, and Winnemucca's calculations on how you achieved the 11 & 14% increases. Must I demand it under FOIA?

You now have a "voiced" concern over the 542 animal & since when does CRMP pass consensus by silence?