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WILD HORSE ORGANIZED ASSISTANCE  
P.O. BOX 555  
RENO, NEVADA 89504

May 27, 1987

Mr. Frank Shields, District Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
705 East 4th Street  
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

Re: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Shields:

WHOA formally requests the following information pertaining to the Little Owyhee and Bullhead Allotments in the Winnemucca District.

1) A full list of uncompleted projects, as recommended by the Coordinated Resource Management Plan committee (CRMP), for the Little Owyhee and Bullhead allotments; and in addition the responsible individual or Bureau of Land Management for the project, and time frame.

2) A list of all projects within the Little Owyhee and Bullhead Allotments requested by individuals or BLM, and submitted to CRMP, and an indication of whether the project was authorized or denied.

3) A list of requests by individuals or BLM to the CRMP that deviated, in any way from the original CRMP agreement, whether authorized or not. (To include livestock use levels, conversions, etc.)

WHOA will submit upon receipt reasonable costs for the assembly and duplication.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Y. Lappin (Mrs.)  
Director

cc: Board of Trustees  
David A. Hornbeck, Esq.  
Mr. E. F. Spang  
Helen A. Reilly

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WINNEMUCCA DISTRICT OFFICE

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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(NV-023.5)

July 20, 1987

Wild Horse Organized Assistance  
Attn: Mrs. Dawn Lappin  
P. O. Box 555  
Reno, Nevada 89504

Dear Mrs. Lappin:

Attached is the information you requested in your May 27, 1987 letter by a Freedom of Information Act request.

I again would like to apologize for the delay in sending you this information.

Please remit \$63.78 for the cost of this information.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Shields  
District Manager

Attachment

cc: State Director (NV-910)



Bullhead Allotment

I. Uncompleted Projects

<u>Project</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1. Division Fence and Rabbit and Dry Hills	NFC	1982	BLM decided to build - dropped temporarily due to mining
2. Layton Creek Seeding	BLM/NFC	1983	dropped due to soils
3. Gates placed in internal fences to allow horse movement	BLM	1982	
4. Gates open between Bullhead and Little Owyhee opened after livestock removed	BLM/NFC	1983	
5. Repair and improve existing reservoirs in poor functional condition	BLM	1982	
6. Repair and improve spring wells	NFC/permittee	1981	To fulfill livestock needs only
7. Develop new reservoirs in Spring pastures	BLM/NFC	1981/82	
8. Locate and develop new springs	BLM/NFC	1981/82	
9. Build Kelly Spring in Dry Hills	NFC	1983	
10. Locate and develop vegetation treatment area	BLM/NFC	1982/83/84/85	
11. Develop potential waterfowl habitat on new water developments	BLM	as developed	
12. Align and develop base	NFC	1982	



- II. Projects requested by individuals or BLM, and submitted to CRMP, whether project was authorized or denied.

BLM requested First Creek Basin Fence, dividing Dry Hills and First Creek fields, authorized, and gates placed for wild horses as well as a gap at one end to allow movement. Will build in late 1987.

- III. Requests by individuals or BLM to the CRMP that deviated, in any way from the original CRMP agreement, whether authorized or not.

Yearling conversion requested by SECO for 1985.

Variation of CRMP and AMP schedule by SECO/Christison's in 1986 and 1987 to accommodate their operation and the burn in the Osgood Allotment.

Change in summer pasture schedule in 1985 (not submitted to CRMP).



Little Owyhee Allotment

I. List of uncompleted projects; responsible party; time frame

<u>Project</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1. Horse gates, internal fences	BLM	1982	
2. Gates left open in spring fields	BLM/NFC	1982	opened on main roads
3. Fence North Fork, develop pipeline on Mahogany Ridge improve existing reservoirs	BLM	1982/83	some work done on reservoirs in 86 con- tinue in 87 in cooper- ation w/ permittee
4. Fence and restrict livestock from deeded lands at Greeley Crossing area to protect riparian areas.	NFC	1982/83	request from permittee to burn, seed, for holding field
5. Fence private land at Maiden Springs Area and build new reservoir	NFC	1982	NFC, permittee feel fencing unnecessary
6. Repair and upgrade existing fence and reservoir at Calico Spring/Reservoir	NFC	1982	
7. Repair and upgrade fence at Little Owyhee River Camp, water gap	NFC	1982	
8. Repair and improve reservoirs in place but in poor functional condition	BLM	1982	some work done in 86, will continue in 87 in cooperation with permittee
9. Repair and improve spring range wells	NFC	1981/82	maintained to fulfill live- stock needs



10. Develop new reservoirs in Twin Valley, Lake Creek and Fairbanks	NFC	1981/82	maintained to fulfill livestock needs
11. Locate new springs to be developed in spring pastures	BLM/NFC	1981/82	
12. Locate and determine feasibility of seeding and vegetation treatment areas	BLM/NFC	1981/82/83/84	
13. Monitor noxious weeds, measures	BLM/NFC/NDA		
14. Fence/acre study plot On Button Lake	BLM	1982/83	Planned in 1986
15. Develop potential waterfowl habitat by fencing portions of new reservoirs or streams, or springs	BLM	as developed	
16. Align and develop base property to complement this plan	NFC	1981/82/83	

II. A list of all projects requested by individuals or BLM, and submitted to CRMP, and whether the project was authorized or denied.

No projects submitted through CRMP. See Appendix B for a list of completed and proposed projects. This appendix is a copy from the Herd Area Management Plan.

III. Requests by individuals or BLM to the CRMP that deviated, in anyway from original CRMP agreement, authorized or not.

1. Livestock conversion to steers by SECO in 84, 1985.
2. Early partial turnout for Amos in 1984 (3/13) due to base property flooding and to make use of early feed, water and improve livestock distribution (CRMP informed of turnout dates).
3. Use of Twin Valley and Lake Creek fields in 1984, 1985 and 1986 because of the burn in Fairbanks in 1984, and the need to keep AUMs and SECO separate. This includes the use of the Antelope, Rock Springs and Capital Peak fields in 1985, and 1986 and gathering into Calico. These summer fields don't have the amount of forage envisioned by CRMP.
4. Winter use of Fairbanks field request by AMOS, no action taken yet, will review by TRT committee in 1987.



5. Use of all spring pastures in 1987, to alleviate drought conditions (1,700 animals in Fairbanks, 650 in Twin Valley, 550 in Lake Creek). Also light use of Rock Springs, Antelope and Capitol Peak with Calico used for gathering.

<u>Actual Use</u>	<u>Little Owyhee</u>			<u>CRMP Level</u>
	<u>Voluntary</u>	<u>*** Total</u>	<u>Active</u>	
		<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	
1982 44,882	15,800	4,910	29,082	10,890
1983 44,882	18,000	11,857	26,8823	6,143
1984 44,882	22,276	16,998	22,606	5,278
1985 44,882	26,446	14,609	18,436	11,837
1986 44,882	27,800	11,843	17,082	15,957
1987 44,882	27,800	17,512**	17,082	10,288

<u>Bullhead</u>				
1982 12,050	5,700	no livestock	--	0
1983 12,050	7,500	4,837	4,500	2,663
1984 12,050	7,500	6,669	4,550	831
1985 12,050	6,764*	4,296	5,286	2,468
1986 12,050	8,350	8,977	3,700	0
1987 12,050	8,350	7,371**	3,700	

- \* Wild horse allocation taken off top of total AUMs available  
 \*\* Licensed use for 1987  
 \*\*\* Non-use due to <sup>1</sup> lack of forage or water; or <sup>2</sup> permittee unable to make use, determined by subtracting actual use from CRMP level.



Appendix B.

Range Improvements

Existing Projects (Bullhead Allotment)

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Constructed</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Kelly Creek Wash Res.	410	T. 39 N., R. 42 E., Sec. 24	1946	Fair	Not used by horses
Tobin Reservoir	412	T. 39 N., R. 42 E.	1946	Fair	Reservoir is dry when used by horses
Meyer Reservoir	413	T. 39 N., R. 43 E.	1946	Fair	Dry when horses are in area.
Mainroad Reservoir	4796	T. 40 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 29		No data	Dry when horses are in area
Dry Hills Reservoir	4797	T. 40 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 19		Fair	Sometimes beneficial to horses.
Rimrock Reservoir	4798	T. 41 N., R. 45 E., Sec. 32	1968	Good	Beneficial to horses
Cleavage Reservoir	4813	T. 40 N., R. 44 E., Sec. 3	1968	Fair	Beneficial to horses
Bullhead Seeding Pipeline	1187	T. 39 N., R. 43 E. Sec. 16, 17, 20	1968	Good	Reconstructed 1981. Horses do not use this area.
Bullhead Seeding Fence	1038	T. 39 N., R. 43 E.	1967	Excellent	
Snowstorm Fire Rehab. Fence	4720	T. 40 N., R. 45 E.	1976	Good	1980-1, Restricts movement of horses to historic summer range.
Bullhead Well	4230	T. 39 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 9	1972	Good	1) No benefit to horses
Hot Springs Well	4231	T. 40 N., R. 42 E., Sec. 4	1972	Good	Sometimes beneficial to horses.
North Fork Cattleguard	546	T. 41 N., R. 42 E.	1964	Good	
Bullhead Seeding Cattleguard	1134	T. 39 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 14 and 22	1968	Good	
Rodear Flat West Cattleguard	4848	T. 41 N., R. 45 E., Sec. 16	1983	Excellent	NFC installed



<u>Project Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Constructed</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Rodear Flat East Cattleguard	4848	T. 41 N., R. 45 E., Sec. 15	1983	Excellent	NFC installed
Snowstorm Short fence	4871	T. 40 N., R. 44 E., Sec. 26	1986	Excellent	Would have no effect on horses
Snowstorm Fence	4875	T. 40 N., R. 43 E.,	1986	Excellent	Could restrict movement of horses to his- toric summer range. Should be checked periodically for damage
Surprise Spring and Reservoir	4814	T. 40 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 12, NW	1983	Good	Beneficial to horses
Ernie Spring		T. 42 N., R. 44 E., Sec. 14, NESE $\frac{1}{4}$			Beneficial to horses
South Fork Fence	4510	T. 40 and 41 N., R. 45 E.			Restricts move- ment of horses
Kelly Creek & Red House Cattleguard	1161	T. 38 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 20	1967	Good	
Snowstorm Fire Rehab. Cattleguards	4721	T. 40 N., R. 45 E., Sec. 20; T. 40 N., R. 44 E., Sec. 12	1976	Good	
First Creek Cattleguard	4877	T. 40 N., R. 44 E., Sec. 2	1983	Excellent	

Proposed Projects (Bullhead Allotment)

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Constructed</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Purple Sage Reservoir	4811	T. 40 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 14 NW NE			Would appreciably benefit horses
Cupola Reservoir	4818	T. 41 N., R. 46 E., Sec. 20 SW SW			Would appreciably benefit horses
Triangle Butte Res.	4821	T. 41 N., R. 45 E., Sec. 17 NW SW			Would appreciably benefit horses



<u>Project Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Constructed</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Kelly Spring and Pipeline	4795	T. 40 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 22			Pipeline and troughs would benefit horses
Surprise Spring and Reservoir	4812	T. 40 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 12 NW SW			Would benefit horses
Hot Springs Pipeline	4806	T. 39 N., R. 42 E., Sec. 4			
Hot Springs Pipeline Ext.	N/A	T. 39 N., R. 42 E., Sec. 4			
Ernie Spring		T. 42 N., R. 44 E., Sec. 14 NE1/4SE1/4			To be constructed by BLM. Would benefit horses.
Rabbit Fence	N/A	T. 39 N., R. 42 and 43 E.			Could possibly effect movement of horses.
Kelly Creek Prescribed Burn	N/A	To be determined			Would benefit horses
First Creek Aspen Burn	N/A	T. 40 N., R. 44 E., Sec. 9 and 10			Would benefit horses

Refer to CRMP Plan for implementation stages and responsible parties (Objectives number 3, 4 and 8).

Additional projects needed will be added to this plan as they are identified. The projects will be implemented in consultation and recommendations from the licensee and CRMP committee. Funding responsibilities have been agreed to in the CRMP Plan under Objectives number 3, 4 and 8.



Existing Projects (Little Owyhee Allotment)

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Constructed</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Fairbanks Field:</u>					
Gonda Division Fence	550	T. 41 N., R. 41 E.		Good	No effect to horses
Fairbanks Management Fence	4711	T. 43 N., R. 43 E.		Fair	Restricts movement
North Fork Stream Improvement	4397	T. 43 N., R. 42 E.		Unknown	No effect
McCleary Well	34	T. 44 N., R. 43 E.		Unknown	Benefit to horses
Antelope Reservoir	428	T. 42 N., R. 42 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
Jackrabbit Reservoir	430	T. 42 N., R. 42 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
Fairbanks Reservoir	431	T. 41 N., R. 42 E.		Fair	Beneficial to horses
McCleary Reservoir	871	T. 41 N., R. 41 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
Owyhee #1 Reservoir	968	T. 42 N., R. 41 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
Sagehen Protection Fence	935	T. 42 N., R. 43 E.		Good	No effect
<u>Twin Valley Spring Field:</u>					
Twin Valley Capture Corral	4746	T. 45 N., R. 43 E.		Unknown	No effect
Four Mile Reservoir	4729	T. 42 N., R. 45 E.		Fair	Beneficial to
Eight Mile Reservoir	4731	T. 43 N., R. 45 E.		Fair	Beneficial to horses
Button Lake Reservoir	327	T. 44 N., R. 44 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
Owyhee #13 Reservoir	4499	T. 43 N., R. 44 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
Owyhee #9 Reservoir	4501	T. 43 N., R. 45 E.		Fair	Beneficial to horses



<u>Project Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Constructed</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Button Lake Well	694	T. 44 N., R. 44 E.		Unknown	Beneficial to horses
Owyhee #14 Reservoir	4502	T. 43 N., R. 45 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
Owyhee #44 Reservoir	4503	T. 43 N., R. 45 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
Owyhee #8 Reservoir	4504	T. 44 N., R. 45 E.		Unknown	Unknown benefits
Owyhee #20 Reservoir	4505	T. 44 N., R. 45 E.		Unknown 2)	Unknown benefits
Owyhee #21 Reservoir	4506	T. 44 N., R. 45 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
Owyhee #22 Reservoir	4507	T. 44 N., R. 45 E.		Unknown 2)	Unknown benefits
Owyhee #25 Reservoir	4508	T. 44 N., R. 45 E.		Good	Beneficial to horses
<u>Lake Creek Field:</u>					
Lake Creek Management Fence	4693	T. 43 N., R. 45 E.		Good	Restricts movement of horses
Corral Lake Pipeline	4258	T. 44 N., R. 46 E.		Unknown	Beneficial to horses
Reed and Taylor Reservoir	4727	T. 45 N., R. 45 E.		Unknown	Beneficial to horses
Lake Creek Reservoir	4728	T. 47 N., R. 45 E.		Unknown	Beneficial to horses
Owyhee #43 Reservoir	4498	T. 45 N., R. 46 E.		Unknown	Unknown benefits



3) Proposed Projects (Little Owyhee Allotment)

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comments</u>
North Fork Fence	From Forks Ranch to Greeley Crossing	Could close access of horses to water
Construct fence around Maiden Springs	Maiden Springs	No effect to horses
Repair wells	As needed	Beneficial to horses
Develop new reservoirs in the Fairbanks, Twin Valley, and Lake Creek Fields	Refer to pages 8 and 9	Beneficial to horses
If feasible, develop new springs in the Fairbanks and Lake Creek Fields	As determined by feasibility studies	Beneficial to horses
Vegetative manipulative projects	As determined by feasibility studies	Beneficial to horses

- 1) Fenced seeding - not used by horses.
- 2) Requires maintenance.
- 3) From CRMP Plan. Site specific projects have yet to be located.