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Carter Reservoir
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February 5, 1999

Ms. Susan T. Stokke
Surprise Field Office
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 460
Cedarville, California 96104-0460

Subject: 10 Year Permit 7Z Ranch

Dear Ms. Stoke:

The Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses has received the notice for the long term grazing authorization for the Sand Creek Allotment. An appropriate management level has not been established for this wild horse herd. Land use planning for this area required the collection and analysis of rangeland monitoring data within three to five years of the land use plan.

Issue of this permit should require an environmental assessment that establishes a carrying capacity and allocation of forage to livestock, wildlife and wild horses.

We do not support the programmatic issuance of permits or wild horse gathers under the assumptions of a 20 year old land use plan. All new data should be used to support any decision affecting ungulate use of this allotment.

Sincerely,

Catherine Barcomb
Administer