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Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses
Attn: Catherine Barcomb, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Barcomb:

Thank you for your letter of July 19, 1994, in regards to the Inyo National Forest's Monitoring and Evaluation Report for its Forest Plan. In preparing and distributing this report, we had to balance our eagerness to get a document out to the public, with the time and effort it takes to gather and analyze monitoring data.

We regret the lack of information presented in the Monitoring and Evaluation Report on the status of wild horse herds that utilize portions of the Inyo National Forest. While monitoring action #4 listed on page 29 of the report identified a specific need to collect and evaluate information on wild horses and burros, we were unable to list any accomplishments or findings, as we had nothing ready to present.

In your letter you also mention the effect of livestock grazing on riparian habitats. The Forest is currently looking to amend the Forest Plan to revise Forest-wide standards and guidelines for livestock grazing. One reason for considering this amendment is the impact of grazing on riparian-dependent threatened, endangered and sensitive species. I've enclosed a copy of the scoping letter sent out this last April, describing the proposed amendment. Even though the official scoping period ended May 31, 1994, please feel free to send us any comment or concerns you have on this proposed amendment.

If you have any questions please contact Forest Planner John Schuyler at (619) 873-2400.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

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