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Mr. Dennis W. Martin
Inyo Forest Supervisor
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Bishop, California 93514-2494

RE: Forest Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Report 1989-93

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses has been a participant in the Montgomery Pass Coordinated Resource Management Planning processes for numerous years. This committee consults and coordinates with the Forest Service concerning the welfare of the Montgomery Pass Wild Horse Herd. As you are aware, considerable efforts and funds have been expended to monitor and determine the herd's natural carrying capacity.

It would be appropriate for the Forest to address this issue in its Forest Plan Report to the public. I realize the difficulty in retrieving the necessary data from the current research, however the data are essential for the future management of wild horses on public lands. I suggest that wild horses be specific topic of all future reports.

Nevada may have few Inyo Forest livestock allotments. From my review of the monitoring and planning activities, it appears that riparian habitats are not being adequately protected from livestock grazing. Since the Forest Plan is approaching its short term period, it may be appropriate in making necessary adjustments to the meet specific standards and guidelines for riparian habitats. Funding for mitigation or range improvement projects may not be forthcoming to protect riparian habitats.

Thank you for consulting the Commission.

Sincerely,

Catherine Barcomb
Director